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## EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D., Howard University, Department of Political Science (**expected**)  
*Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, & American Government*
- Dissertation: *Cooperative Liberalism or Competitive Realism? The Nature of the Intergovernmental Organization BRICS in Africa* (Advisor: Dr. Ben K. Fred-Mensah)
- 2012 M.A., Webster University (London) at Regent's University London
- Thesis: *Somalia: Has Its Past Caused Its Present? A Case Study Exploring Whether Colonial Drawing of Political Borders in Africa is Linked to Its Current Disarray*
- 2009 B.S., Howard University, College of Arts & Sciences

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Democratization, Peace and Conflict resolution within sub-Saharan Africa; International Organizations, Politics of the Global South, Elections, Black Women's Representations in Foreign Affairs.

## PUBLICATIONS

Pruitt, C., Book chapter, "The Struggle for Governance-Democracy in Contemporary Africa" with Dr. Richmond Danso in "Black Freedom Struggles" by Dr. Latif Tarik. Kendall Hunt Publications, September 2021.

Pruitt, C., & Dawuni, J.J. (2021). *Representation and Inclusion in Diplomacy: A Closer Look at Black Women U.S. Ambassadors*. SAIS Review of International Affairs 41(1), 73-84.  
doi:10.1353/sais.2021.0007.

Pruitt, C. Review of the book, "In the Shadow of Mandela: Political Leadership in South Africa" by A. Johnston, African Studies Quarterly, 20(3), 121-122.

Pruitt, C. [Forthcoming]. Review of the book, "Survival in the Dumping Grounds: A Social History of Apartheid Relocation" by L. Evans, African Studies Quarterly.

Pruitt, C. [Forthcoming]. Op-ed introduction of the poem "COVID-19" in the book "Pieces of Me in Poetry and Pose" by Dr. Ayo Sekai. Universal Write Publications.

## OTHER LITERARY WORKS

Pruitt, C. May 2019. "Women in Politics and Law: International Women's Day 2019," Howard University's Center for African Studies.

Pruitt, C. October 2018. "Dr. PLO Lumumba on the Role of Africa and the Black Diaspora in International Affairs," Howard University's Center for African Studies.

Pruitt, C. May 2018. "International Women's Day 2018," Howard University's Center for African Studies.

Trower, C. September 2012. "Is Bipartisanship Obsolete in the United States?" International Political Forum, The-IPF.com.

## ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2018 - Present            Instructor, Department of Political Science, Howard University

### COURSES TAUGHT:

*Introduction to International Relations*            (POLS 128)  
*National Government of the U.S.*                    (POLS 010)  
*Introduction to Political Science*                    (POLS 001)

Spring 2021            Adjunct, Department of Political Science, Trinity Washington University

### COURSES TAUGHT:

*Women & Politics*    (POLS 213)

2019                    Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Howard University,  
*State and Local Government*    (POLS 011)

2017 - 2018            Research Assistant, Africa Center, United States Institute of Peace (USIP)

2013 - 2017            Adjunct Instructor, University of the Potomac

### COURSES TAUGHT:

*Global Leadership (graduate)*    (BUS 650)  
*International Business*    (MGMT 235)  
*International Marketing*    (MRKT 230)

2011                    Temporary Lecturer, Webster Graduate School London

### COURSES TAUGHT:

*Issues in International Relations (graduate)*    (INTL 5860)

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2018 - Present	Graduate Teaching Assistant Fellowship, Howard University
2018 - 2020	Preparing Future Faculty Fellowship, Howard University
2011	Sverdrup Study Abroad Scholarship, Webster University
2011	World Traveler Grant, Webster University

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

2021	Convenor and Moderator, "International Affairs Speaker Series," Howard University, Washington, D.C. (remote), September - December 2021
2021	Panelist, "Who Runs The World" Issue Launch Event, SAIS Review, Johns Hopkins University, Washington D.C. campus, September 30, 2021
2021	Panelist & Moderator, "Peace Protection: Safeguarding the Inclusion of Women and Youth in Conflict Transformation," Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security (WCAPS), Washington, D.C., September 21, 2021
2021	Speaker, "Should I Get A Master's Degree?" Women in Global Development Leadership Forum, Washington, D.C. (remote), May 2021
2021	Moderator, "Creating Gender-Balanced Countries, Companies and Couples," Women in Global Development Leadership Forum, Washington D.C. (remote), May 2021
2021	Convenor and Moderator, "Women & Politics," Trinity Washington University, Washington, D.C. (remote), April 2021
2021	Presenter, Social Science Division, Howard University's Graduate School Doctoral Research Conference, Washington, D.C. (remote), March 2021 Conference Paper: "Cooperative Idealism or Competitive Realism? The Nature of the Intergovernmental Organization BRICS in Africa"
2021	Panelist, Jack and Jill of America (GMAC Chapter) IR Mentor Speaker Panel, Atlanta, GA (remote), March 2021
2021	Presenter, Comparative Politics Division, National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS), Baltimore, MD (remote), March 2021 Conference Paper: "Cooperative Idealism or Competitive Realism? The Nature of the Intergovernmental Organization BRICS in Africa"

- 2021 Moderator, "Get to Know HERstory: Black Women Lead," Black Women in International Affairs (BWINTAF), Washington, D.C. (remote), February 2021
- 2019 Attendee, NATO Engages (The Alliance at 70), NATO, Washington, D.C., April 2019
- 2018 Participant, Atlantic Council & NAFSA's Special Roundtable Dialogue, Washington, D.C., November 2018
- 2018 Presenter, Conference Poster Session, Political Networks Conference Fairfax, VA, June 2018 (declined)  
Conference Poster Session: "A Seat at the Table: The Role of Black Women in Foreign Service"
- 2017 Presenter, Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 2017  
Conference Paper: "A Seat at the Table: The Role of African-American Women in IR"
- 2011 Presenter, International Relations and Human Rights Undergraduate Conference, Regent's University London, London, UK, November 2011  
Conference Paper: "The Evolving Role of the African Union within the United Nations"

### APPLIED EXPERIENCE

- 2019 Campaign Director, The Campaign of Kobie Pruitt for Cheverly Town Council
- 2016-2017 Project Assistant, Southern & East Africa, National Democratic Institute
- 2016 Overseas Recruitment Specialist, University of Maryland Global Campus
- 2012 - 2015 Senior Admissions Counselor, 2U, Inc, American University's SIS
- 2012 Contributor, International Political Forum

### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2021 - Present Student Ambassador, Center for Women, Gender and Global Leadership Howard University, Washington, D.C.
- 2019 - Present Assistant Director, Pre-PhD Summer Enrichment Program, Howard University
- 2021 Graduate Student Advisory Task Force, Center for Women, Gender and Global Leadership, Washington, D.C.

- 2011 - 2012                      Head Delegate, Model United Nations, Regent's University London
- 2011 - 2012                      International Relations Representative, Webster Graduate School London Student Council, London, England
- 2006 - 2007                      Vice Coordinator, Undergraduate Student Assembly (UGSA), Howard University, Washington, D.C.
- 2005 - 2006                      Secretary, Undergraduate Student Assembly (UGSA), Howard University, Washington, D.C.
- 2004 - 2005                      Volunteer Coordinator, College of Arts & Sciences Student Council, Howard University, Washington, D.C.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- 2022 - Present                      Board of Elections Supervisor, Board of Elections Cheverly, MD
- 2021 - Present                      Advisory Committee, Women in Global Development Leadership Forum Washington, D.C.
- 2021 - Present                      Volunteer, Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping, and Peacemaking Working Group, Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security (WCAPS), Washington, D.C.
- 2020 - 2021                      President, Board of Directors, Black Women in International Affairs (BWINTAF), Washington, D.C./Remote

**DISCIPLINARY SERVICE**

- 2021                                      Peer Reviewer, "Poli Sci: A Concise Introduction," Sage Publications

**HONORS & AWARDS**

- 2021 CSIS & DINSN's "Power 50 U.S. National Security & Foreign Affairs Leader" List
- Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society
- Golden Key International Honor Society
- Golden Key's International Scholar Laureate nominee
- 2U, Inc.'s 2015 Admissions Counselor of the Year Nominee

**AFFILIATIONS**

- American Political Science Associations (APSA)
- National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS)
- Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA)
- Howard University's Graduate Political Science Association (GPSA)
- Howard University Alumni Association (HUAA)
- Black Professionals in International Affairs (BPIA)

Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security (WCAPS)  
Women in International Affairs Network (WIAN)  
Black Women in International Affairs (BWINTAF)  
Golden Key International Honour Society  
Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society  
Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (YFPF)

### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access, Outlook)  
Google Applications, Outlook  
Salesforce, SAP, Avionte, QuickBase, Quicken, Taleo, WorkDay, UltiPro, Concur, Quicken  
Moodle LMS and Cornerstone LMS  
Adobe Connect, WebEx, Zoom, Google Meets, Mentimeter  
SPSS  
NVivo

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

Qualitative Methods Certification  
Distance Learning (DL) Certification  
Blackboard Certification

### **LANGUAGES**

English (native)  
French (intermediate)  
Spanish (beginner)

### **REFERENCES**

Dr. Ben K. Fred- Mensah  
Associate Professor  
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Howard University  
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Dr. David (Kwame) Dixon  
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