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EDUCATION

Doctor of Ministry (Practical Theology), Virginia Theological Seminary 2019-Present.

Doctor of Philosophy, in International Relations & Comparative Politics, University of California Los Angeles, 2013.

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science Swarthmore College, High Honors, 2007.

Bachelor of Arts, Comparative Literature, Swarthmore College, 2007 High Honors.

Associate of Arts, International Relations, LaGuardia Community College, 2005, Honors.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Africana Studies University of Colorado Boulder	2022
Senior Research Fellowship (five months, January-June) “Beyond Equity: Vulnerability and Gender in Public Procurement Reform in West Africa.” The Maria Sibylla Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa at the University of Ghana. Fellowship co-funded with the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany.	2021
Gender Based Violence Hub Leadership Council Member Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities	March 2021-March 2023
Visiting Scholar, Emory University School of Law Vulnerability and the Human Condition Initiative.	2019-2022
Research Associate, Mandela University, South Africa Chair for Critical Studies in Higher Education Transformation.	2019-present
Book Review Editor Journal of Africana Religions.	2019-present
Board Member West African Research Association, Boston University.	2019-present
Fellow Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies, University, Bayreuth, Germany.	2019-2020

- Fulbright Specialist Roster 2017-2020
- Visiting Senior Researcher, The University of Amsterdam 2016-2018
Globalizing Culture Group & Amsterdam Research Center for Gender and Sexuality.
- Board Member 2015-present
Association of African Women for Research and Development, Senegal.
- Assistant Professor of Political Science, Clarkson University, NY 2013-2016
Designed and taught college-level technical and analytical skills in social sciences research methodology, qualitative and quantitative data analysis, public policy analysis, strategic thinking, African politics, gender and sexuality, international political economy of development, American government, and international relations.
- Teaching Assistant 2008-2012
University of California Los Angeles.
- Project coordinator, International Resource Network, CUNY Graduate School 2007-2011
Fundraised \$60,000 and organized the first web-based reporting tools on LGBT rights and sexual violence in Africa.
Participated in high-level reporting on human rights abuse and sexuality-based violence to the African Commission on Human and People’s Rights (ACHPR).
Presented the first statement of queer right as human rights at the ACHPR.
Managed day-to-day activities of the first network of LGBT scholars and activists in Africa.
Provided consulting services to NGOs working with the US State Department in preparing for the historical speech by the then Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, who said for the first time, “gay rights are human rights” owing to events in Africa that helped peg LGBTI rights to US foreign policy strategy.

PEER-REVIEWED BOOKS, EDITED VOLUMES, AND SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUES

- Nyeck, S.N. Editors. *Gender, Vulnerability Theory and Public Procurement: Perspectives on Global Reform* (Routledge Gender Law, Culture and Society Series, 2023).
- Nyeck, S.N. [*African\(a\) Queer Presence: Ethics of Relational Negotiation and Politics*](#). New York: Palgrave Macmillan 2021.
- Spronk, Rachel and S.N. Nyeck. Editors. “[Frontiers and Pioneers in the Study of Queer Sexualities in Africa](#).” Special Journal Issue, *Africa* Vol. 91, Issue 3 (2021):388-397.
- Nyeck, S.N. Editor. [Routledge Handbook of Queer African Studies](#). New York: Routledge, 2019.
- Nyeck, S.N. Editor. [Public Procurement Reform and Governance in Africa](#). New York: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2016.
- Nyeck, S.N. and Orly Benjamin (Bar-Ilan University, Israel). Co-editors. “Women, Gender and Government Outsourcing in Comparative Perspectives.” *Wagadu: A Transnational Women’s and Gender Studies Journal*, Vol. 14, 2015. First international special issue on

gender and government outsourcing.

Nyeck, S.N. and Marc Epprecht. Editors. *Sexual Diversity in Africa: Politics Theory and Citizenship*. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2013.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

Nyeck, S.N. "[Poetics: Queer Recesses of the Heart and the Spirit of Intimacy within the African\(a\) Household](#)." *African Journal of Gender and Religion*, Vol. 26, No. 2, (December 2020):91-110.

Nyeck, S.N. Marc Epprecht, and S.M. Rodriguez "LGBTQ Rights." In *Understanding Contemporary Africa*. 6th edition. Edited by Peter J. Schraeder. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2020.

Nyeck, S.N. "Gender Vulnerability in Public Procurement." In *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Governance*, edited by Ali Farazmand and Christopher Atkinson. New York: Springer, DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-31816-5_1598-1, 2020. The first scholarly publication to bring in vulnerability theory in the study of public procurement studies.

Nyeck, S.N. "From Oblivion to Post-History: Sublime Othering in Rider Haggard and W.E.B. Du Bois." *The European Legacy*, Vol. 24, Issue 6, (2019):617-643.

Nyeck, S.N. "Heretical Falsification and the Challenge of Theorizing LGBT Politics from the South." In *The Oxford Handbook on LGBT Global Politics*. Edited by Michael Bosia, Sandra McEvoy and Monin Rahman. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019. DOI: 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190673741.013.17.

Nyeck, S.N. "Africa and Neoliberalism." *Global Encyclopedia of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer History*. Edited by Howard Chiang, Anjali Arondekar, Marc Epprecht, Jennifer Evans, Ross Forman, Hanadi al-Samman, Emily Skidmore, and Zeb Tortorici. 1132-1137. New York: Cengage Learning, 2018.

Nyeck, S.N. "From Old Practices to New Governance Models: Contractual Schemes in Africa's Political Development." *The European Legacy* Vol. 22, Issue 4, (2017): 385-405.

Nyeck, S.N. "Why does Gender Equality Matter to Public Procurement? An Africa Perspective." International Learning Lab on Public Procurement and Human Rights. March 14, 2017, < <https://bit.ly/2DNbynO>>. (not peer-reviewed)

Nyeck, S.N. "Queer Fragility and Christian Social Ethics: A Political Interpolation of the Catholic Church in Cameroon." In *Christianity and Controversies in Contemporary Africa*. Edited by Ezra Chitando and Adriaan van Klinken. 110-123. New York: Routledge, 2016.

Nyeck, S.N. "African Religions, the Parapolitics of Discretion and Sexual Ambiguity in Oral Epics." *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa*, no. 155 (2016): 88-104.

Nyeck, S.N. "Implicit Dimensions of Public Procurement Contracts: African History and Debates." In *Public Procurement Reform and Governance in Africa*. Edited

- by S.N. Nyeck. 32-45. New York: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2016.
- Nyeck, S.N. and Ekwekwuo Chibuzo. "The Role of New Technologies of Communication and Social Audits in Procurement Monitoring." In *Public Procurement Reform and Governance in Africa*. Edited by S.N. Nyeck. 261-275. New York: Palgrave, 2016.
- Nyeck, S.N. "(Out)bidding Women: Public Procurement Reform, Policy Diffusion and Gender Equality in Africa." In *Women and Government Outsourcing in Transnational Perspectives* (Special Issue) *Wagadu: A Transnational Journal of Gender and Women's Issues* Vol. 14, (2015):13-56.
- Nyeck, S.N. "Stretching the Margins and Trading Taboos: A Paradoxical Approach to Sexual Rights Advocacy in Africa." In *Sexuality and Politics: Regional Dialogue from the Global South* edited by Sonia Corrêa, Rafael de la Dehesa and Richard Parker. *Sexuality Policy Watch* Vol. 1, (2014): 63-95.
- Nyeck, S.N. "Mobilizing against the Invisible: Erotic Nationalism, Mass Media, and the 'Paranoid Style' in Cameroon." In *Sexual Diversity in Africa: Politics, Theory, Citizenship*. Edited by S.N. Nyeck and M. Epprecht, 150-169. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press.
- Nyeck, S.N. "The Autobiography of Things Left Undone: Politics of Literature, Hyphenation and Queered Friendship in Africa." *Transcript* Vol. 1, February, (2011): 172-198.
- Nyeck, S.N. "To Be or Not to Be a Lesbian: The Dilemma of Cameroon's Women Soccer Players." In *African Women Writing Resistance: An Anthology of Contemporary Voices*. Edited by Jennifer Browdy et al. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2010.
- Nyeck, S.N. "Critique de la Violence Sexuelle et l'État au Cameroun." In *New Perspectives on Sexuality in Africa* (Special Issue) *Canadian Journal of African Studies* Vol. 43, no. 1 (2009): 188-190.

SELECTED GENDER & SEXUALITY- RELATED INITIATIVES

- Panel Presentation. "Feminism, Modernity and Being in Contemporary Africa." Institute for Humanities in Africa, University of Cape Town, South Africa, June 29, 2021.
- Public Lecture. "Gender, Vulnerability and the Political Economy of Government Outsourcing in Africa." The Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa, University of Ghana, March 9, 2021.
- Public Lecture. "Poetics: Queer Recesses of the Heart and the Spirit of Intimacy within the Africana Household." Hofstra University, NY, March 8th, 2021.
- Conference Presentation. "Wordsmithing: The Bassa Cosmology and the Making of Queerness as Wholeness." *African Philosophies and Language Conference*, UCLA African Studies Center, Feb. 17-19, 2021.
- Panel Presentation. "Queer African(a) Presence: Ethics and Politics of Negotiation." *Princeton African Studies Workshop: African Feminist + Queer Politics*, Princeton University, Feb. 10, 2021

Conference co-convener with Atieno Mboya and Martha Albertson Fineman. [Vulnerability Theory: International Conversations about Gender and Public Procurement](#). Vulnerability and Human Condition Initiative, Emory School of Law. February 12, 2021

Public Lecture. "Queer Recesses of the Heart: Audre Lorde and Pan-Africanism." Bayreuth University, Germany, December 10, 2020.

Community Organizer. Organized four zoom web-casted panels on the theme "Racism and Distrust in House: How to Build new Solidarities after the Murder of George Floyd?" featuring four black LGBT communities in the U.S. (African Americans, African Immigrants, Afro-Caribbean) in collaboration with LGBT-Kwanzaa, NYC, a community-based organization in NY (July 1-30, 2020).

Keynote Speaker. "Intersectionality, Intercontextuality and No-thing," *Intersectionality Symposium: Theory, Approach, Activism*, Bayreuth University, Germany, February 6-8, 2020.

Lead Consultant and Keynote Speaker, the African Development Bank, South Africa 2019
Invited to give the keynote speech and facilitate a 3-day high-level policy gathering *on Gender and Public Procurement Technical Workshop* that brought together ten African directors of national public procurement agencies. I wrote the final report and policy recommendations.

Lead Researcher. [The Economic Cost of LGBT Stigma and Discrimination in South Africa](#), July – October 2018. First report on the economic exclusion of LGBT persons in Africa. The report evaluates the economic premise of constitutional protection for LGBT persons in South Africa using national census and health data. Contracting parties: The Williams Institute, University of California Los Angeles/ASTREA Foundation/USAID.

Fundraiser (with Zethu Matabeni then at the University of Cape Town). 2017-2018
Mounted an international fundraising campaign for the legal fees of Dr. Stella Nyanzi, a Ugandan scholar and LGBT researcher arbitrarily detained by her government. Coordinated petition writing from across the disciplines and communication between more than 200 foreign scholars and the legal team on the ground. Stella Nyanzi was eventually freed.

Lead Reviewer/Evaluator, Partnership for African Social & Governance Research, Kenya 2017
Evaluation and writing of the training module *Gendering Social Science Research Method and Module*.

Invited Speaker. "The Role of Public procurement in Fostering Social Justice" 2018
The US National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and South African Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Invited Plenary Speaker. "Women's Economic Empowerment Global Summit" 2017
UN WOMEN in Collaboration with NAMA Women's Establishment, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, December 4-5.

Trainer of Trainers. "Ideal of Public Procurement Reform and Governance Challenges in Africa: A Comparative Survey of Legislations and Practices." 2015

Consortium for International Management, Policy and Development conference.
Livingstone, Zambia; June 22-26.

Consultant, UN WOMEN Mission in South Sudan June 2013
Reviewed the institutional capability and strength of the Southern Sudan Network of Women Living with HIV & AIDS (SSUNEWA); traveled to ten provinces of post-war South Sudan conducting interviews with women living with HIV/AIDS.

COURSES TAUGHT

Black Feminism, Womanism and Social Transformation. This course introduces students to the lived experiences of Black women in the struggle to make sense of their lives in Africa and Diaspora.

Intersectionality and Black Queer Experience. This course introduces the students to the concept of intersectionality through African(a) queer experience in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Introduction to African Politics. This course is designed to look at contemporary African politics from the perspective of State and non-state actors to discuss ideas and practices of citizenship.

Introduction to Methods (Game Theory). This course introduces the core concepts of game theory and how it helps understand political and social phenomena. It emphasizes decision-making, model building skills and problem solving through quantitative and qualitative reasoning.

Introduction to Public Policy. This course uses both theory and practical examples to provide a better understanding of public policy analysis at the local, national and international levels.

Strategic Choice. This is a freshmen seminar that introduces students to the idea of strategic choice and thinking. Some of the questions we explore are “what is strategy? What does it mean to choose? How do people go about influencing circumstances with no or little choice? In addition to case studies, students deal with the theories and concepts that help us understand choice and strategy for individuals and organizations.

Public Procurement and Global Governance. Master Class offered to public administrators and scholars of public administration in the Republic of Zambia.

Senior Research Seminar. This capstone seminar provides students with the opportunity to conduct guided research and share their findings through writing and public presentations.

Introduction to Global Politics/International Relations. This course surveys current themes in global politics. It introduces students to key concepts, theories and patterns for understanding politics in the international arena. It aims to expose students to a broad spectrum of ideas in international relations and comparative politics and does so by examining some enduring questions in the study of politics.

International Development and Social Change. The course begins with theories and explanations of how nations have historically attempted to modernize themselves and develop their economies. It concludes with a brief introduction to current debates on economic globalization.

Introduction to American Politics. This is an introductory course to American politics and government. It specifically focuses on democracy, its origin, evolution, institutions and challenges in a changing world.

The Business of War. This course introduces students to the history and origin of war contracting in the United States from the Revolutionary War until World War I.

Identity Negotiation. The course is concerned with sexual/gender identity negotiation in non-

Western settings.

International Relations of China part II. The course introduces students to the political history of China from Deng Xiaoping until the early 1990s.

International Relations of China part I. The course introduces students to the political history of China from the Cultural Revolution to early reform under Den Xiaoping.

World Politics. The course introduces students to world affairs and current debates.

OTHER HONORS AND AWARDS

Research Grant, New York Public Library, 2017.

Interdisciplinary Research Grant, “Religious Entrepreneurship in the Age of Sexual Rights: An

Inquiry into the Dynamics of Resilient Innovation and Competition in Kenya,” Grant awarded but not disbursed, The Nagel Institute, 2016.

Travel Award, Association of African Women for Research and Development, 2016.

Travel Award, Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa, 2015.

Travel Award, University of Amsterdam, 2015.

Honorable Mention Book Award, New York African Studies, 2014.

National Endowment for Humanities summer research grant, 2014.

Nominated Student Marshal, Doctoral Commencement, University of California Los Angeles, 2013.

Institute for Humane Studies, Dissertation Fellowship, 2011-12.

UCLA International Institute, Fieldwork Fellowship, 2011.

Special Guest, Ministry of Information, State of Kuwait, 2011.

Visiting Scholar, American University in Nigeria, Yola, Nigeria, 2011.

Visiting fellow, Transparency Morocco, Casablanca-Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, 2011.

Brown International Advanced Research Institute, Brown University, 2010.

Institute for Social Science Research Summer Fellowship, University of California Los Angeles, 2010.

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship, University of California Los Angeles, 2010.

Cota Robles Fellowship, University of California Los Angeles, 2007-11.

The Ruskin Prize for best thesis in political science, Swarthmore, 2007.

College Edward Said / Audre Lorde Scholar Activism Award, Swarthmore College, 2007.

Highest Academic Achievement Award, Swarthmore College, 2007.

E. Lang Graduate Scholarship, Swarthmore E. Lang Foundation, 2007.

E. Lang LOS Grant, Swarthmore E. Lang Foundation, 2006.

LANGUAGES

English, Excellent.

French, Excellent.