

# S. Ra'phael Davis

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## EDUCATION

### The Ohio State University

Ph.D., Political Science

Columbus, OH

Expected 2026

- Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics, African Studies
- Dissertation: Partnering for Peace: How the Structure of Institutional Collaboration Affects Peace

M.A., Political Science

2023

### The University of Arkansas at Little Rock

B.A. International Studies

Little Rock, AR

2020

B.A. Philosophy

2020

### Maastricht University School of Management

2019

- Study Abroad Courses in Economics and Social Policy
- Service-Learning Project on Refugee Social Services

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### The Ohio State University

*Instructor of Record*

Columbus, OH

2023 – 2024

- Course taught: Global Politics
- Improved course design to comply with standards of the Collaborative Online Learning Community and implemented virtual exchange component into the Autumn 2024 semester of the course.
- Designed engaging, online asynchronous course content, including lectures and immersive assignments for an average of 130 students per semester.
- Graded papers and provided in-depth feedback to facilitate improvement toward course objectives.
- Completed 7+ trainings on instructional design, trauma-informed teaching, and effective online teaching.

*Graduate Teaching Associate*

2022 – 2023

- Course taught: Global Politics
- Advised undergraduate students on course policies and procedures.
- Supported Instructor of Record in grading discussion boards, exams, and papers.

### Student Affairs Success Initiatives

*Learning Coach*

Little Rock, AR

2018 – 2020

- Tutored for Philosophy of Law and Intro to International Studies courses.
- Facilitated individual development plans for students, enhancing accountability and learning outcomes.
- Expertly allocated resources across multiple programs to support underrepresented students at risk of attrition, achieving a 100% retention rate for all students served.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Early Prediction of Violent Protest and Rebellion

*In-Country Research Assistant*

Columbus, OH

2022 – Current

- Provide deep knowledge of Nigeria for logistical support and research planning.
- Manage in-the-field survey experiments.
- Conduct robustness checks on data after initial submission.

- Handle crisis communication with in-the-field staff.

**The Ohio State University**  
*Graduate Research Associate*  
 (Cultural Renewal in Malawi)

Columbus, OH  
 2023

- Delivered research briefs in support of a book manuscript about African and South American indigenous groups.
- Collected reports from non-governmental organizations and journal articles to analyze trends in cultural renewal.

*Graduate Research Associate*  
 (Oral History of African Muslim Communities in Columbus)

2022 – 2023

- Set up and conducted 15 interviews with African Muslim community leaders.
- Managed data, analyzed interviews and presented summary reports.

## **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Global Ties Arkansas**  
*Program Officer*

Little Rock, AR  
 2020 –2024

- Coordinated the inaugural version of the Africa-Caribbean partnership on dismantling social inequality as part of the International Visitor’s Leadership Program with the U.S. Department of State.
- Acquired 20+ contracts from the U.S. Department of State and National Program Agencies to implement international exchange programs supporting U.S. foreign policy goals.
- Presented at public events and lobbied congressional delegates to continue supporting educational exchange initiatives.
- Managed Africa programs such as the Countering Violent Extremism, Human and Civil Rights for Marginalized Groups, and Pan-Africa Youth Leadership Program.
- Facilitated the Open-World Ukraine – U.S. program on Local Government and Elections Administration.

**The Confess Project**  
*Research and Product Development Officer*

Little Rock, AR  
 2019- 2020

- Partnered with local government to educate 200+ nonprofit professionals on mental health.
- Successfully set up, steered, and performed post-launch evaluation of training for educators, assisting in the professional development of 80+ educators.
- Applied business acumen and analytics to make data-backed recommendations on business plans to the Executive Director.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

Davis, S. Ra’phael. “Working Better Together: How Material and Symbolic Transitional Justice Affect Post-Civil War Peace.” *Submission to Comparative Political Studies*.

Davis, S. Ra’phael. “The Timing’s Just Right: Transitional Justice Order of Implementation and the Sustainability of Peace in Africa.”

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

Davis, Ra’phael, and Eric Wiebelhaus-Brahm. “Should Heritage Be Preserved? Examining Contention Over Confederate Monument Removal” in *Heritage and Human Rights*, edited by Gianluigi M. Bonaviri and Miroslaw M. Sadowski. 2024.

Davis, Ra’phael. “Addressing Conflict in Mali: Political, Humanitarian, and Security Problems.” *SIR Journal*, October 2, 2018. <http://www.sirjournal.org/research/2018/10/1/addressing-conflict-in-mali-political-humanitarian-and-security-problems>.

## INVITED TALKS

Developing Into Civic-Minded Leaders. Pacesetter's Unlimited.	Columbus, OH 2023
The Global Leadership Development Workshop. African Youth Leadership Program.	Little Rock, AR 2023
The Global Leadership Development Workshop. Arkansas State University.	Newport, AR 2023
"NGOs, Public Diplomacy, and the Push for Peace". School of Public Affairs. University of Arkansas at Little Rock.	Little Rock, AR 2021

## PAPERS PRESENTED

"Racial Mobilization and Transitional Justice in the U.S. Explaining the Removal of Confederate Monuments." <b>International Studies Association.</b>	Nashville, TN 2022
"Developing Inclusive Social Integration and Mental Health Access Programs." Presented at the <b>Maastricht University Center for European Studies</b> to U.S. nonprofit leaders.	Maastricht, Holland 2019
"Working Better Together: How Material and Symbolic Transitional Justice Affect Post-Civil War Peace." <b>Midwest Political Science Association.</b>	Chicago, IL 2019
"Working Better Together: How Material and Symbolic Transitional Justice Affect Post-Civil War Peace." Presented at the <b>Midwest Political Science Association.</b> "	St. Louis, MO 2018

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

<b>Fulbright-John Lewis Civil Rights Fellowship</b> , Fieldwork for Ph.D. Dissertation on peacebuilding in Nigeria, while engaging in capstone seminar, dedicated lecture series, and leadership training focused on nonviolent civil rights movements and international exchange. <u>12 months.</u>	2024
<b>Fulbright U.S. Student Program</b> , Fieldwork for Ph.D. dissertation, including interviews related to farmer-herder conflict and ethnic conflict in Nasarawa and Abuja, <b>Nigeria</b> (\$40,000). <u>9 months.</u>	2024
<b>Mershon Center for International Security Studies</b> , Preliminary fieldwork for Ph.D. dissertation, including interviews of NGO leaders in Abuja, <b>Nigeria</b> (\$4,500). Eight (8) <u>weeks.</u>	2024
<b>Armed Conflicts and Im/mobility Project – Graduate Grant</b> , Fieldwork for Ph.D. dissertation, including NGO and government interviews, <b>Nigeria</b> (\$3,000). <u>Six (6)</u> <u>weeks.</u>	2024
<b>Citizen Diplomacy Action Fund</b> , U.S. Exchange Alumni, <i>International Peek</i> <i>Program</i> , international professional development program for rural youth, United States, <b>Nigeria</b> , and Dominican Republic (\$10,000). <u>Seven (7) months.</u>	2023
<b>Mershon Center for International Security Studies</b> , Preliminary fieldwork for Ph.D. dissertation, including interviews of NGO leaders in Abuja, <b>Nigeria</b> (\$3,000). Ten (10) <u>weeks.</u>	2022
<b>Graduate Student Research Grant</b> , Department of Political Science, Preliminary fieldwork for Ph.D. dissertation, including interviews of NGO leaders and civilians in <b>Nigeria</b> (\$3,000). Ten (10) <u>weeks.</u>	2022
<b>Predoctoral Fellowship</b> , West African Research Association, Preliminary Fieldwork interviews for dissertation in <b>Nigeria</b> (\$6,000). <u>Ten (10) weeks.</u>	2022
<b>Diversity Fellowship</b> , American Political Science Association, Graduate Stipend (\$2,000).	2021

**The Dean's Distinguished Graduate Enrichment Fellowship**, The Graduate School, 2020  
funds tuition and fees for three (3) years of graduate study (1st, 2nd, and 5th).

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

**Francis R. Aumann Award for Excellence in Service**, The Ohio State University 2022

## **SERVICE**

**International Education Working Group**, General Member 2024 – Current  
**Center for African Studies**, Advisory Board Member 2022 – Current  
**Committee for the Status of Graduate Students**, General Member 2020 – 2022  
**Black Graduate and Professional Student Caucus**, Vice President 2021 – 2022  
**Graduate Student Committee**, Representative 2022 – 2021

## **LANGUAGES**

<b>Spanish</b>	Advanced Reading	Advanced Writing	Intermediate Speaking
<b>Igbo</b>	Intermediate Reading	Intermediate Writing	Intermediate Speaking
<b>Portuguese</b>	Advanced Reading	Beginner Writing	Beginner Speaking
<b>French</b>	Intermediate Reading	Beginner Writing	Beginner Speaking

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

**Center for Research, Teaching, and Learning** 2023 – Current  
**United States Institute of Peace** 2022 – Current  
**Black Professionals in International Affairs** 2021 – Current  
**International Studies Association** 2018 – Current  
**American Political Science Association** 2018 – Current  
**Global Ties Network** 2020 – 2024