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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), International Relations
- 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 AND TEACHING INTEREST

International organization, democratization and peace and conflict resolution within sub-Saharan Africa; women's representations in foreign affairs, and elections

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021 - Present              Adjunct, Department of Political Science, Trinity Washington University  
*Women & Politics*
- 2018 - Present              Instructor, Department of Political Science, Howard University  
*International Relations, National Government, Introduction to Political Science*
- 2019                      Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Howard University,  
*State and Local Government*
- 2013 - 2017                  Adjunct Instructor, University of the Potomac  
*Leadership, International Business, International Marketing (graduate)*
- 2011                      Temporary Lecturer, Webster Graduate School London  
*Issues in International Relations (graduate)*

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & 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

### **APPLIED EXPERIENCE**

2019 - Present Assistant Director, Pre-PhD Summer Enrichment Program, Howard University

2019 Campaign Director, The Campaign of Kobie Pruitt for Cheverly Town Council

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

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

2011 - 2012 Head Delegate, Model United Nations, Regent's University London

### **JOURNAL ARTICLES**

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

### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Pruitt, C. [Forthcoming]. Book chapter, "Democracy and Good Governance in Africa" in "Black Freedom Struggles" with Dr. Richmond Danso. Kendall Hunt Publications.

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.

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Pruitt, C. [Forthcoming]. Review of the book, "In the Shadow of Mandela: Political Leadership in South Africa", by A. Johnston, *African Studies Quarterly*.

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

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

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

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

Trower, C. (2012). "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", [Master's Thesis, Webster University]London, England.

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

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

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| 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<br>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) 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<br>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"

#### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2021 - Present	Student Ambassador, Center for Women, Gender and Global Leadership Howard University, Washington, D.C.
2021	Graduate Student Advisory Task Force, Center for Women, Gender and Global Leadership, Washington, D.C.
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**

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 Reviewer, "Poli Sci: A Concise Introduction", Sage Publications

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

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  
Alpha Kappa Alpha's 2003 Ivy Legacy Scholarship recipient

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

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 (YPFP)

### **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. J. Jarpa Dawuni  
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