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EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY

Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. (2019 – Present)
Lecturer, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN. (2017 – 2019)
Instructor, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, UMass Boston, Boston, MA. (2017)
Teaching Assistant, Political Science Department, UMass Boston, Boston, MA. (2017)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (2018), Global Governance and Human Security, UMass Boston, MA, USA
M.A. (2016), Global Governance and Human Security, UMass Boston, MA, USA
M.S. (2014), Environmental Studies, Ohio University, Athens, OH, USA
B.Sc. (2007), Environmental Science, Maseno University, Maseno, Kenya

FELLOWSHIP AWARD

National Science Foundation (NSF) Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) Fellowship, UMass Boston, Boston, MA. (2014 – 2016)

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Certificate in Effective College Instruction (2021), Association of College and University Educators, and American Council on Education

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Book

Asaka, J. O., & Oluoko-Odingo, A. (Eds.). (2022). *Human Security and Sustainable Development in East Africa*. Routledge.

Award: Book selected by Knowledge Unlatched for publication as an open access eBook courtesy of funding from libraries across the globe.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Jones, S. R., Cobb, C., **Asaka, J. O.**, Story, C. R., Stevens, M. C., & Chappell, M. F. (2021). Fostering a sense of community among Black faculty through a faculty learning community. *Adult Learning*, 32(4), 165-174.

Asaka, J. O. (2019). Transformations, changes, and continuities in conservation governance: A case study of wildlife conservation in Kenya, 1980-2016. *Case Studies in the Environment*, 1–9.

Asaka, J. O., & Smucker, T. A. (2016). Assessing the role of mobile phone communication in drought-related mobility patterns of Samburu pastoralists. *Journal of Arid Environments*, 128, 12–16.

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Book Chapters in Peer-Reviewed Books

- Asaka, J. O. (2022). Human security. In J. O. Asaka & A. Oluoko-Odingo (Eds.), *Human Security and Sustainable Development in East Africa*. Routledge.
- Asaka, J. O.**, & Oluoko-Odingo, A. (2022). Introduction: Human Security and Sustainable Development in East Africa. In J. O. Asaka & A. Oluoko-Odingo (Eds.), *Human Security and Sustainable Development in East Africa*. Routledge.
- Wangia-Dixon, R., & **Asaka, J. O.** (2022). Human security implications of aflatoxins in East Africa. In J. O. Asaka & A. Oluoko-Odingo (Eds.), *Human Security and Sustainable Development in East Africa*. Routledge.
- Asaka, J. O. (2020). Water-energy-food nexus and human security in northwestern Kenya. In A. Koulouri & N. Mouraviev (Eds.), *Policy and Governance in the Water-Energy-Food Nexus: A Relational Equity Approach*. Routledge.
- Adivilah, T., **Asaka, J. O.**, Holcombe, L., McSparren, J., & VanDeVeer, S. (2018). Environmental conflicts and peacebuilding in Africa: connecting resources, issues and ongoing initiatives. In A. Swain & J. Öjndela (Eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Environmental Conflict and Peacemaking*. Routledge.
- Basel, D., Lee, S., Mohtar, R., **Asaka, J. O.**, & VanDeveer, S. (2018). Security, climate change and the nexus. In R. Bleischwitz, H. Hoff, C. Spataru, E. van der Voet, & S. VanDeveer (Eds.), *Routledge Handbook of the Resource Nexus*. Routledge.

Research Note in Refereed Journal

- Asaka, J. O. (2021). Climate change - terrorism nexus? A preliminary review/analysis of the literature. *Perspectives on Terrorism*, 15(1), 81–92.

Book Review in Refereed Journal

- Asaka, J. O. (2015). Colonial Kenya observed: British rule, Mau Mau and the wind of change. *The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs*, 104(5), 631–633.

Select Op-Eds/Commentaries in Reputable Publications

- Asaka, J. O. (2022, July 9). Why US-Kenya cooperation on wildlife and drug trafficking matters. Retrieved from <https://theconversation.com/why-us-kenya-cooperation-on-wildlife-and-drug-trafficking-matters-184070>
- Asaka, J. O. (2021, April 14). Climate change and terrorism. Retrieved from <https://www.newsecuritybeat.org/2021/04/climate-change-terrorism/>
- Asaka, J. O. (2018, May 20). Why Kenya's proposal to execute convicted poachers is a bad idea. Retrieved from <https://theconversation.com/why-kenyas-proposal-to-execute-convicted-poachers-is-a-bad-idea-96647>
- Asaka, J. O. (2018, April 9). Why Kenya's new wildlife task force is a step in the right direction. Retrieved from <https://theconversation.com/why-kenyas-new-wildlife-task-force-is-a-step-in-the-right-direction-94342>
- Asaka, J. O. (2013, May 14). Climate change, weather satellite coverage gaps added to U.S.

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Asaka, J. O. (2012, September 28). Water and land conflict in Kenya in the wake of Climate Change. Retrieved from <http://www.newsecuritybeat.org/author/jasaka/#.UsszEv1fRuY>

Academic Conference Presentations

14th Annual Kenya Scholars and Studies Association Conference, Dallas, TX (2022)

Title of conference presentation:

Internal displacement driven by climate change associated disasters: Comparative analysis of Kenya and the United States, 2008-2021

63rd International Studies Association Annual Convention, Nashville, TN. (2022)

Title of conference presentation:

Embracing interdisciplinarity in water security research: Insights from a subnational case study of water security in Samburu, Kenya.

13th Annual Kenya Scholars and Studies Association Conference, Dallas, TX. (2021)

Title of conference presentation:

Perpetrators of terrorism in Kenya: A comparative analysis.

2021 Bratislava Earth System Governance Conference, Virtual. (2021)

Title of conference presentation:

Transformations in grassroots global conservation governance and implications for human security: Insights from Samburu County, Kenya.

The 2nd International Conference in Homeland Security: Domestic and Global Perspectives, Huntsville, TX. (2020)

Title of conference presentation:

Climate-security nexus: Insights from the first world climate security report.

12th Annual Kenya Scholars and Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, GA. (2019)

Title of conference presentation:

Water (in)security in northern Kenya: Insights from Kalama area of Samburu County, Kenya.

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58th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Baltimore Maryland. (2017)

Title of conference presentation:

The changing nature of global conservation governance: Insights from the world conservation congress proceedings.

Faculty Development Seminar

SHSU Writing in the Discipline Faculty Seminar, Summer 2022, The Woodlands Center

Speaker Invitations

PhD Alumni Panel on Academic Careers

Date: November 30, 2022

Host institution: Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security and Global Governance, University of Massachusetts Boston

Young Leaders Institute Summer Session on International Security and Defense

Date: July 12, 2022

Host institution: Asia Society of Texas

Select Media Interviews

Yale Climate Communications Radio Program (2021)

The link between climate change and terrorism. <https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2021/11/the-link-between-climate-change-and-terrorism/>

Roots Radio WMOT 89.5 (2021)

“MTSU On the Record” explores Black faculty learning communities.
<https://mtsunews.com/faculty-learning-on-the-record-march2021/>

Roots Radio WMOT 89.5 (2018)

“MTSU On the Record” ventures into Kenya’s politics, poaching crackdown, more with global studies professor. <http://mtsunews.com/asaka-on-the-record-oct2018/>

Science and the Environment Channel (2015)

What are the biggest challenges facing energy and climate change?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?x-yt-ts=1422579428&x-yt-cl=85114404&v=ZhzLSvgHzis>

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Work in Progress

“New, old, and reconfigured: Exploring the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s path to climate security” (with Magdalena Denham), Journal Article, *Revise and Resubmit*

“Patterns/trends in environmental security course offering across homeland security academic programs at U.S. Universities and Colleges”, Journal Article, *Revise and Resubmit*

“Perpetrators of terrorism in Kenya: A comparative analysis”, Journal Article, *Revise and Resubmit*

“Climate change and terrorism”, Journal Article, *Manuscript Under Preparation*

“Climate change, disasters, and internal displacement”, Journal Article, *Manuscript Under Preparation*

“Exploring the link between climate change and internal displacement in the U.S. context”, Journal Article, *Manuscript Under Preparation*

“Climate-related internal displacement: Comparative analysis of Kenya and the United States, 2008-2021”, Journal Article, *Manuscript Under Preparation*

“Climate change in U.S. Department of Homeland Security policy documents: A content analysis”, Journal Article, *Manuscript Under Preparation*

“Trends and patterns in international relations scholarship on water security, 2000-2021”, Journal Article, *Manuscript Under Preparation*

“Embracing interdisciplinarity in IR water security research: Insights from a sub-national case study of water security in Samburu, Kenya”, Journal Article, *Manuscript Under Preparation*

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

Courses Taught at the Department of Security Studies at Sam Houston State University

Fall 2019

Introduction to Cybersecurity (Online)

Introduction to Homeland Security (Online)

Homeland Security Research Methods (Online)

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Spring 2020

Introduction to Homeland Security, (Two sections), (Online)

Homeland Security Research Methods (Online)

Summer 2020

Climate and Security (Online)

Fall 2020

Introduction to Homeland Security (Online)

Homeland Security Research Methods (Online)

Public Health in Homeland Security (Online)

Spring 2021

Climate and Security (Online)

Homeland Security Research Methods (Online)

Public Health in Homeland Security (Online)

Water Security (Online)

Summer 2021

Climate and Security (Online)

Fall 2021

Introduction to Homeland Security (In-Person)

Homeland Security Research Methods (Online)

Water Security (Online)

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Spring 2022

Climate and Security (Online)

Homeland Security Research Methods (Online)

Water Security (Online)

Summer 2022

Climate and Security (Online)

Fall 2022

Introduction to Homeland Security (Online)

Homeland Security Research Methods (Online)

Water Security (Online)

Courses taught at the Department of Global Studies and Human Geography at Middle Tennessee State University

Introduction to Cross-Cultural Experiences (In-Person)

Introduction to Cross-Cultural Experiences (Online)

Globalization (In-Person)

Field Experience and Study Abroad (In-Person)

Special Topics – Globalization, Environment and Security (In-Person)

Course taught at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Massachusetts Boston

Human Security in Eastern Africa (In-Person)

Course taught at the Political Science Department at the University of Massachusetts Boston

International Relations (In-Person)

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SERVICE

University Committee Service

Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University (2021 – Present)

I work with other committee members to help make the college responsive to the needs of students, staff, and faculty with regards to DEI. Most recently, I worked with other committee members to develop DEI vision and mission statements for the college.

Member, Admissions Review Committee, Department of Security Studies, Sam Houston State University (2019 – Present)

I review master's student applications and make recommendations on the same to assist the committee chair make a final admission decision

Member, Distance Education Committee, Sam Houston State University (2021)

I participated in the University's distance education committee meetings. The committee works with Associate Vice President for Distance Learning and Assistant Vice President for Online Operations among other SHSU Online staff to oversee the University's online education programs.

Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Security Studies, Sam Houston State University (2020)

I reviewed application files, worked with other committee members to select candidates for interviews, interviewed selected candidates, and participated in the deliberations leading up to the selection of a single candidate for the advertised Assistant Professor position.

Student Advising

Honors course professor, Elliot T. Bowers Honors College, Sam Houston State University (Fall Semester, 2021)

Course name: Introduction to homeland security

Student name: Jeremiah Mathews

I offered advice on term paper topic selection, literature search, and writing strategies among others. The student wrote a term paper on eco-terrorism, successfully completed the course, and earned honors credit.

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Master's thesis committee member, Department of Security Studies, Sam Houston State University (2019/2020 Academic Year)

Thesis title: Texas local emergency planning committees: Assessing compliance, proactivity, and the impact of all-hazard preparedness

Student name: Laura Bobrick

I offered advice on environmental security aspects of the thesis project as well as advice on how to successfully complete a thesis project in good time. The student has since graduated.

Peer Reviewer (2016 – Present)

I have peer-reviewed article/report/book length manuscripts for the following publications/publishers/organizations: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Springer, Lynne Rienner Publishers, Peace and Conflict Studies, Kenya Studies Review, The Extractive Industries and Society, Society and Natural Resources, Conservation and Society, Journal of Strategic Security, and Pastoralism: Research, Policy and Practice among others.

Editor, KESSA Newsletter (2021 – Present)

I draft/write newsletter call for submissions, invite submissions from members, review submissions from members, edit/format the newsletter, and email latest issue of the newsletter to members.

Member, KESSA Governing Board/Council (2019 – 2021)

I participated in governing board's meetings and worked with other members of the board to implement the Association's programs including but not limited to organizing and hosting the Association's 13th annual conference.

KESSA Social Media and Publicity Manager (2019 – 2021)

I managed the Association's social media accounts (i.e., Twitter, LinkedIn, and Facebook), drafted social media posts, and made posts on the Association's Twitter, LinkedIn, and Facebook platforms.

Conference/Workshop Planning Activities

Kenya Scholars and Studies Association (KESSA)

As a member of the Association's governing board, I helped organize (with other board members) the 13th Annual Kenya Scholars and Studies Association conference. The conference was successfully held on September 10 – 11, 2021 in Westlake, TX.

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I collaborated with colleagues in organizing the 2nd International Conference in Homeland Security: Domestic and Global Perspectives. The conference was successfully held on March 3, 2020, on the University main campus in Huntsville, TX.

International Association for Society and Natural Resources (IASNR)

As a member of the IASNR student affairs subcommittee on professional development, I helped organize (with other subcommittee members) a session on professional development targeting students and junior scholars for the International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM) held in Umea, Sweden on June 19 – 22, 2017.

University of Massachusetts Boston

I helped organize (with others) a workshop for graduate students and junior scholars that explored the topic “Africa in the 21st Century: Prospects for Secure Sustainable Development.” The workshop was successfully held in Cambridge, MA on April 8th, 2016.

President, African Student Union, Ohio University (2013 – 2014)

I provided strategic leadership to the student organization during the 2013/2014 academic year.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

International Studies Association (ISA)

International Security Studies section of the ISA

Environmental Studies section of the ISA

Global South Caucus of the ISA

Kenya Scholars and Studies Association (KESSA)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.