

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
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**Education**

- PhD  
05/2022 University of North Texas, Denton, TX  
Doctor of Philosophy: Political Science  
Major Field: Comparative Politics  
Secondary Field: International Relations
- MA  
05/2017 University of North Texas, Denton, TX  
Master of Arts: International Studies  
Concentrations: National and Human Security
- BA  
12/2013 University of North Texas, Denton, TX  
Bachelor of Arts: Political Science & History  
Minor: Spanish

**Publications**

- Breuning, M., & **Okundaye, G.** (2021). Half of the Cabinet: Explaining Ethiopia's Move to Gender Parity in the Government. *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, 56(5), 1064-1078. [doi.org/10.1177/00219096211007652](https://doi.org/10.1177/00219096211007652)
- **Okundaye, G** & Breuning, Marijke (2021). "Is the Expansion of Women's Access to Political Leadership Rewarded? Evidence from the Allocation of US Foreign Aid" *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy*. DOI: [10.1080/1554477X.2021.1929599](https://doi.org/10.1080/1554477X.2021.1929599)

**Works in Progress**

- "Pre-Migratory Experiences with Democracy, Autocracy, and Civil Violence and Immigrants' Desire to Vote" with *John Ishiyama and Andrea Silva currently under review*
- "Corruption Carryover: Does Corruption in the Country of Origin Affect Views Towards Political Institutions in Countries of Residence?"
- "Violence at Home and its Acceptability Abroad: Are Views of Violence Imported?"
- "Premigratory Experiences with Civil War Violence and Social Trust"

**Teaching Experience**

- US and Texas Constitutions and Institutions, Instructor of Record (Summer 2020, **Spring 2022**)
- US Political Behavior and Policy, Teaching Assistant (Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021)
- US and Texas Constitutions and Institutions, Teaching Assistant (Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, **Spring 2022**)

**Conference Presentations**

- "Premigratory Experiences with Civil War Violence and Social Trust" University of North Texas, International Studies Association - Midwest Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, November 2021
- "Political Violence and Its Acceptability by First and Second Generation Immigrants" University of North Texas, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2021
- "Corruption Carryover: Does Coming from a Corrupt Home Country Lead to Less Favorable Views Towards the Host Country?" University of North Texas, International Studies Association - Midwest Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, November 2020

- “Assimilation and Conflict: Generation Differences Among Immigrants” University of North Texas, International Studies Association - Midwest Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, November 2019
- “Access to the Highest Office: For Majorities or For Minorities as Well?” University of North Texas, Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC), Denton, TX, November 2019
- “Women Leaders, Donor Perception, and Foreign Aid Allocation” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 2019
- “Women Leaders and Foreign Aid Allocation: Do States with Female Heads of Government Receive More Aid?” with Marijke Breuning, University of North Texas, International Studies Association - Midwest Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, November 2018

### **Guest Lecture**

- “Foreign Policy in the United States of America” - April 2019
- “Texas Politics: Political Parties and Voting” - April 2019

### **Grants & Honors**

- UNT Political Science Department Travel Grant - Fall 2021 - \$500
- UNT Political Science Department Doctoral Dissertation Grant - Spring 2021 - \$1500
- UNT Political Science Department Travel Grant - Fall 2019 - \$500
- Pay-It-Forward Workshop - ISA Midwest 2019 - \$100

### **Special Skills**

- Spanish - Intermediate
- French - Intermediate
- Stata
- R and R-Studio

### **Professional Affiliations**

- International Studies Association, Storrs, CT
- Pi Sigma Alpha, Washington DC
- Western Political Science Association

### **Professional Activities**

- International Studies Association, Women’s Caucus for International Studies, Graduate Student Representative (April 2021 - April 2023)
  - Communications Committee
  - Representation Ad-Hoc Committee
- American Political Scientist Association Migration and Citizenship Section, Social Media Chair (February 2021 - Present)
- University of North Texas Political Science Graduate Student Association, Vice President of Professionalization (July 2021 - June 2022)
- University of North Texas Political Science Graduate Student Association, Vice President of Departmental Relations (July 2020 - June 2021)
- University of North Texas Political Science Graduate Student Association, President (July 2019 - June 2020)
- University of North Texas Political Science Graduate Student Association, Secretary-Treasurer (July 2018 - June 2019)

### **Courses Qualified to Teach**

- Comparative Politics
- International Relations

- Political Behavior
- Political Violence and Conflict
- Race, Immigration, and Ethnic Politics
- US Political Behavior and Policy
- US Constitutions and Institutions
- Women and Politics

### **References**

- John Ishiyama - [John.Ishiyama@unt.edu](mailto:John.Ishiyama@unt.edu)
- Valerie Martinez-Ebers - Valerie - [Valerie.Martinez-Ebers@unt.edu](mailto:Valerie.Martinez-Ebers@unt.edu)
- Lee Walker - [Lee.Walker@unt.edu](mailto:Lee.Walker@unt.edu)