

# Allison Patch

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### **Education**

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND—College Park, MD

Ph.D. in Political Science, expected 2016

Masters in Political Science, December 2012

First Field: Comparative Politics

Second Field: Political Methodology

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA—Iowa City, IA

B.A. in Political Science with Honors, May 2010

B.A. in International Studies, May 2010

### **Research Interests**

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African politics, politics of loss, electoral conflict, ethnic competition, contentious politics, political institutions, development strategies, access to resources, public health

### **Research Experience**

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND—College Park, MD

- Research Assistant, Dr. Kathleen Gallagher Cunningham (Spring 2012)
- Research Assistant, Deniz Cil (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA—Iowa City, IA

- Undergraduate Research Assistant for Dr. Kyle Mattes (June 2009-May 2010)
- Iowa Policy Research Organization (January 2009-December 2010)

### **Field Work**

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Ghana—Summer 2013

- Conducted 400 subject survey

## **Grants and Awards**

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Graduate Assistantship, University of Maryland—College Park, Maryland

Awarded four-year Graduate Assistantship, Department of Government and Politics (2010 – 2014)

Awarded Graduate Assistantship, College Park Scholars International Studies Program (2014-2015)

Comparative Politics Field Research Grant

University of Maryland—College Park, Maryland  
Summer 2013

## **Papers Presented at Conferences**

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“Public Health Crises and Conflict: The effect of HIV/AIDS on ethnic conflict in Africa” with Anne Frugé.

- *Presented New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (April 26-28, 2012)
- *Accepted to present American Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (Conference was cancelled due to hurricane conditions) (August 29-September 1, 2012)

“Wishing for Wells: The impact of access to potable water on the likelihood of ethnic social conflict” with Anne Frugé.

- *Presented at Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (November 15-17, 2012)

“Access, Ethnicity, and Conflict: How non-ethnic threats can lead to ethnic conflict” with Anne Frugé.

- *Presented at Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (April 11-14, 2013)
- *Presented at International Studies Association Annual Meeting* (February 18-21, 2015)

“Neopatrimonialism and Stability: Do government systems matter in Africa?”

- *Presented Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (November 14-16, 2013)

“Losing the Nation: Electoral losers and identity choice”

- *Presented at Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting* (April 2-6, 2014)

## **Teaching Experience**

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### UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND—College Park, MD

#### College Park Scholars International Studies Program

- Assistant Director, College Park Scholars International Studies Program (Fall 2012 to Present)
  - Instructor, CPSP118n: International Studies Fall First-Year Colloquium (*Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014*)
  - Instructor, CPSP119n: International Studies Spring First-Year Colloquium (*Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015*)
  - Instructor, CPSP259n: International Studies Independent Research Practicum (*Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015*)
  - Instructor, CPSP239n: International Studies Internship Practicum (*Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015*)
  - Instructor, CPSP259n: International Studies Service Learning Practicum (*Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015*)
  - Instructor, CPSP359n: International Studies Guided Independent Research Practicum (*Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015*)

#### Department of Government and Politics

- Instructor, GVPT359: Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict (*Winter 2015, Summer 2015*)
- Teaching Assistant, GVPT100: Principles of Government and Politics  
*Professor Robert Koulisch (Fall 2010 and Spring 2011)*
- Teaching Assistant, GVPT331: Law and Society  
*Professor Robert Koulisch (Fall 2011)*
- Teaching Assistant, GVPT205s: International Ethics, Conflict, and Immigration  
*Professor Richard Boyd (Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014)*
- Teaching Assistant, GVPT309w: Topics in International Relations; Asymmetric Warfare  
*Jennifer Wallace (Winter 2014)*

## **Professional Service**

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First-year Student Representative, Dept. of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, 2010-2011

Comparative Field Student Representative, Dept. of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, 2012-2013

Discussant, Comparative Politics Workshop, Dept. of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, 2011

Discussant, Comparative Politics Workshop, Dept. of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, 2013

Admissions Committee Student Representative, Dept. of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, 2014

Discussant, Comparative Politics Workshop, Dept. of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, 2015

## **Language Skills**

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French, Intermediate level

- Intensive Elementary French (Fall 2012)
- Intensive Intermediate French (Fall 2013)
- French Grammar and Composition (Spring 2014)

German, Intermediate level

- Elementary German I (Spring 2008)
- Elementary German II (Fall 2008)
- Intensive Intermediate German (Spring 2010)

## **Graduate Seminars Taken**

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Comparative Politics

- Seminar in the Comparative Study of Politics
- Selected Topics in Comparative Governmental Institutions: Parties, Congresses, Bureaucracies—Institutions in a Comparative Perspective
- Selected Topics in Comparative Governmental Institutions: African Politics
- Selected Topics in Comparative Governmental Institutions: Contentious Politics

## Methodology

- Quantitative Methods for Political Science
- Advanced Quantitative Methods for Political Science
- Special Topics in Quantitative Political Analysis: Maximum Likelihood Estimation
- Special Topics in Quantitative Political Analysis: Multilevel Models
- Special Topics in Quantitative Political Analysis: Intro to Spatial Data Analysis for Social Science Research
- Formal Theories of Politics
- Field Methods in Comparative Politics

## Other Courses

- Scope and Method of Political Science
- Seminar in International Relations Theory
- Ancient and Medieval Political Philosophy

## References

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