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EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science (ABD) Sept 2019 – Present
University of Calgary, Calgary, AB
Working title: *Gendering Cabinets in Africa: The Impact of Democratization and Post-conflict Politics*
- Master of Arts in Political Science (Public Policy) Sept 2016 – Aug 2017
Brock University, St. Catharines, ON
Major Research Paper: Federalism and Climate Change in Canada: Understanding the Policy Instruments of Provincial Governments.
- Political Science with Philosophy and Classics (Honours) 2011 – 2015
University of Ghana, Accra

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Teaching Assistant Sept 2022 – April 2023
University of Calgary, Calgary, AB
Teaching Assistant for the following courses: Western Political Thought I & II and Introduction to Research Methods.
- Teaching Assistant Sept 2021 – April 2022
University of Calgary, Calgary, AB
Teaching Assistant for the following courses: Introduction to Comparative Politics, and Introduction to Comparative Politics.
- Teaching Assistant Sept 2020 – April 2021
University of Calgary, Calgary, AB
Teaching Assistant for the following courses: Introduction to Government and Politics, and Theories of Development.
- Research Assistant Sept – Dec 2020
University of Calgary, Calgary, AB
I worked for Dr. Michael Clarke on a SSHRC-funded project. My task is to compile an annotated bibliography of key political science sources on the theory, history, and practice of democracy.
- Research Assistant March – August 2020
University of Calgary, Calgary, AB
Assisted Dr. Susan Franceschet in reviewing relevant literature and collecting data for a SSHRC-funded project, “The Motherhood Dilemma in Parliamentary Politics.”
- Research Assistant May – July 2020
University of Calgary, Calgary, AB
Assisted Drs. Susan Franceschet and Jennifer Piscopo to create a contact database and send surveys to legislators across 39 states in the United States to assess how the COVID-19 pandemic has shaped the work of state-level legislators.

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| Teaching Assistant | Sept 2019 –May 2020 |
| University of Calgary, Calgary, AB | |
| Teaching Assistant for the following courses: Public Policymaking Processes, and Issues & Trends in World Politics. | |
| Sales Associate | 2017/2019 |
| Inteleservices Canada Inc. Dba OneTouch Direct, St. Catharines, ON | |
| Make outbound calls to AT&T customers to make home services sales and provide customer service. | |
| Research Assistant | 2018 |
| Brock University, St. Catharines, ON | |
| Assisted in data collection, coding, and analysis on Canadian gun control policy for Dr. Tim Heinmiller. | |
| Teaching Assistant | 2015/2016 |
| Brock University, St. Catharines, ON | |
| Teaching Assistant for the following courses: Political Theory, and Canada and the Global Community. | |
| Teaching and Research Assistant | 2015/2016 |
| University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana | |
| Teaching Assistant for the following courses: Public Finance Administration, Strategies to Development in Africa, Governance and Leadership. | |
| Pupil Teacher (GOVERNMENT APPOINTEE) | 2010/2011 |
| Mathematics and Social Studies, Tuna, Ghana | |
| Enumerator 2010 Population and Housing Census | 2010 |
| Ghana Statistical Service, Accra, Ghana | |
| Collected household data for the national database of Ghana Statistical Service. | |

ACADEMIC AWARDS & HONOURS

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| Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (CAD 20,000) | 2023/24 |
| University of Calgary, Calgary, AB | |
| Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship-Doctoral (CAD 11,000) | 2022 |
| University of Calgary, Calgary, AB | |
| Volunteer Excellence Award, Graduate Students' Association | 2022 |
| University of Calgary, Calgary, AB | |
| Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship-Doctoral (CAD 15,000) | 2021 |
| University of Calgary, Calgary, AB | |
| Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship-Doctoral (CAD 15,000) | 2020 |
| University of Calgary, Calgary, AB | |
| Dean of Graduate Studies Spring Research Fellowship (CAD 4,000) | 2017 |
| Brock University, St Catharines, ON | |
| Graduate Fellowship (CAD 7,500) | 2017 |
| Brock University, St Catharines, ON | |
| Ghana Education Trust Fund Fellowship (USD 12, 800) | 2016 |
| Government of Ghana | |
| Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (First Class Honours) | 2015 |
| University of Ghana, Accra | |

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PUBLICATION(S)

- Franceschet, Susan, Melanee Thomas, and Saaka Sulemana Saaka. Inclusion and Equal Treatment? Gender Differences in Cabinets in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Comparative Political Studies* (Forthcoming).
- Saaka Sulemana, Saaka. Resistance to Change: Explaining Basic Education Policy Reform in Ghana. *Politics & Policy* (Forthcoming).
- Sulemana, S. (2017). A Multiple Streams Approach to Understanding Social Policy in Ghana: The Case of Livelihood Empowerment against Poverty. *Journal of Public Administration and Governance*, 7(4), 198-210.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Saaka Sulemana, Saaka. Panel Chair, Citizenship and Political Representation. Canadian Association of African Studies Conference 2021, London, Ontario, 9 June 2021.
- Saaka Sulemana, Saaka. "Gendering Cabinets in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Comparative Perspective." Canadian Association of African Studies Conference 2021, London, Ontario, 7-10 June 2021.
- Sulemana, Saaka. "A Multiple Streams Approach to understanding social policy in Ghana: the case of Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP)". First Concordia-McGill Universities African Studies Conference, Montreal, Quebec, 4-6 October 2017
- Sulemana, Saaka. "Federalism and climate change in Canada: Understanding the policy instruments of provincial governments." Mapping the New Knowledges (MNK) Conference, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON, 11 April 2017

SELECTED EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- President, the Graduate Students' Association (GSA), University of Calgary, 2022/23.
 - I maintained oversight responsibility of the governance and operations of the GSA.
- Member, University of Calgary Board of Governors, 2022/23.
 - Committees (Finance and Property Committee, Environment, Health, Safety, and Sustainability Committee, Budget Committee, University of Calgary Properties Group, Tuition and Fee Consultation Committee).
- Member, General Faculties Council, University of Calgary, 2022/23.
 - Committee (Academic Planning and Priorities Subcommittee).
- Member, Faculty of Graduate Studies Council, University of Calgary, 2022/23.
 - Committees (FGS Executive Committee, FGS ii' taa'poh'to'p Working Group).
- Other commitments (EDI Awards Adjudication Committee, Graduate Leaders Circle, President's Award Selection Committee).
- Chair, Governance Committee, the Graduate Students' Association, University of Calgary, 2021/22.
- Member, Senior Leadership Team, the Graduate Students' Association, University of Calgary, 2021/22.

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- PhD Students' Representative, Department of Political Science Council, University of Calgary, 2021/22.
- Member, Voice and Marginality at the Nexus of Racism and Colonialism Working Group, University of Calgary, 2021/22.
- Member, the Graduate Students' Association External Advocacy Group, University of Calgary, 2020/21.
- President, National Association of Students, Ghana, 2015/2016
- University of Ghana, Accra
- Electoral Commissioner, Assoc. of Phil. & Classics Students, 2014/2015
- President, University of Ghana Association of Upper West Students 2014/15

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST