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PROFILE: I am a Ph.D. candidate in Security Studies at the School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, the University of Central Florida, pending graduation in July 2023. My Ph.D. dissertation focuses on protecting vulnerable populations such as refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), migrants, and victims of human trafficking during armed conflicts in sub-Saharan Africa. This research aims to save lives because civil wars are brutal to civilians. The research seeks to find out why. If we learn why we can save lives.

I have worked at UCF as Teaching Assistant (Research Assistant) for five years since 2018. Before that, I worked at the Ministry of National Defense, assisting in political reforms in post-conflict Liberia between 2006 and 2018.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2018 – 2023: Teaching Assistant (Research Assistant), University of Central Florida

FIELDS: Political Science, International Relations, Security Studies

EDUCATION: Ph.D. (Security Studies), UCF, pending graduation in July 2023

M.PA. (Public Administration) Cutting University Liberia, 2013

M.A. (International Relations) University of Liberia, 2011

B.A. (Political Science) AME University Liberia, 2005

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

2017 – 2018 Assistant Minister for Operations, Ministry of National Defense, Liberia
Reference Link <https://mod.gov.lr/assistant-minister-larmin-departs-liberia-for-counter-terrorism-studies/>

2014 – 2017 Assistant Minister for Administration, Ministry of National Defense Liberia,
Reference Link <https://mod.gov.lr/jallah-olga-r-c/>

TRAINING: Certificate, Military Studies, Naval Postgraduate College, Monterey, CA, 2016

Certificate, Security Sector Reform, African Center for Strategic Studies Washington DC, 2010.

Gender Mainstreaming (Equity and Inclusion) in the Security Sector, Kings College London, 2008.

- RESEARCH SKILLS:** Qualitative and Quantitative
- LANGUAGES:** English, Kissi (mother tongue), Chinese, and French.
- COMPUTER:** Microsoft Office, Spreadsheets, Presentation tools, data visualization, data management, and communication tools (email, social media, etc.)
- PROJECT MANAGEMENT:** Manage and oversee all aspects of a project from start-up to close-out.
- SECURITY SECTOR REFORM:** Recruiting, training, and mentoring security personnel – military, the rule of law institutions, and the intelligence community.

RESEARCH/PUBLICATION

1. Civil wars and the stumbling of patriarchal societies- the reconstruction of gender relations post-conflict Liberia – online publication.
2. Noncombatant deaths during a civil war in sub-Saharan Africa (Ph.D. dissertation)
3. Security Sector Reform-a coup proofing mechanism within the Mano River Union (MRU) – ongoing research.
4. Who are terrorists? Criminals or Combatants? – ongoing research.
5. How can deterrence work in near-peer competition? – ongoing research.

CONFERENCE PAPER, DISCUSSANT & PANEL PARTICIPATION:

American Political Science Association (APSA) “The Legacies of Female Combatants in Post-Conflict Liberia,” 2023.

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) “Noncombatant death during armed conflicts in sub-Saharan Africa,” 2022.

Florida Political Science Association (FPSA) “Violence against civilians during armed conflicts in sub-Saharan Africa,” 2022.

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) “Terrorism During Civil Wars in Africa,” 2020.

Florida Political Science Association (FPSA) “Terrorism During Civil Wars in Africa,” 2018.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS.

1. Graduate Teaching Assistantship, the University of Central Florida, 2018 to 2023 – Award.
2. United Nations Institutional Legacies of Violent Conflict Project 2020 – Scholarship.

MEMBERSHIP WITH PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

APSA, MPSA, SPSA, FPSA, and ASMEA – Association for the study of the Middle East and Africa.