

Eric MvukiyeheWeb page: <http://www.columbia.edu/~enm2105/>**EDUCATION**

- PhD in political science, Columbia University, 2013
 - **Dissertation title:** "Essays on Microfoundations of Peace-building in War-Torn Societies: Hypotheses and Evidence From a Field Experiment in Rural Liberia."
 - **Fields of specialization:** International relations/security and comparative politics
 - **Research interests:** Civil war termination; peacekeeping and peacebuilding; foreign democracy assistance; governance reforms; engagement with non-state actors; political and social development; women empowerment; quantitative program evaluation.
- Master of Philosophy in Political Science: Columbia University, 2008
- Master of Arts in Political Science: Columbia University, 2006
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science: University of Washington (UW), 2005. Magna Cum Laude, Departmental Distinction and Phi Beta Kappa.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**Economist: March 2014***Development Economics Impact Evaluations (DECIE), The World Bank, Washington, DC*

- I coordinate a new program on impact evaluations in fragile and conflict-affected situations (FCs).

ETC Consultant: September 2013 – March 2014*Gender Innovation Lab, The World Bank, Washington, DC*

- Designed an impact evaluation that investigates the effects of select interventions of a value chain development project in on agricultural production, food security and nutritional outcomes of vulnerable households in Northern Nigeria.
- Designed an impact evaluation for a gender socialization project in South Africa that seeks to promote women's socioeconomic empowerment by altering harmful gender norms and promoting egalitarian gender norms that encourage men's participation in household chores and care-giving activities.
- Conducted in Bujumbura (Burundi) an impact evaluation workshop for a project that seeks to promote women's socioeconomic empowerment by complementing a women's only microfinance program with a gender dialogue intervention that targets women and their male partners.
- Co-facilitated a impact evaluation workshops in Nairobi (Kenya) for a legal aid intervention that seeks to raise awareness of a new law that enables widows to recover unclaimed or lost assets of their deceased husbands and to promote financial planning through will-writing.

Impact Evaluation Expert (Democracy Fellow): August 2012- February 2013*United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Washington, DC*

- Provided expert advice on impact evaluations of USAID's Democracy Human Rights and Governance (DRG) programs.
- Provided technical assistance for the design of impact evaluations of a 5- year, 40 million dollar global labor program in Cambodia, Mexico and South Africa.
- Helped draft an impact evaluations strategy and implementation plan to promote rigorous knowledge generation and incorporation of evidence-based methods in DRG programming, as part of the FY 2013 portfolio review process.
- Served as co-principal investigator on an impact evaluation study for a 2-year capacity-building project targeting traditional institutions to foster good governance and conflict mitigation in Zimbabwe.
- Served as principal investigator on an impact evaluation study for a 5-year project to increase utilization of clinical and psychological services by victims of rape and other sexual assaults in South Africa, and to raise awareness of gender-based violence (GBV) nationwide.
- Reviewed and provided feedback on various strategy documents from the Center's leadership as well as concept notes of research proposals from the Center's technical teams
- Helped design a training module and trained new DRG staff on impact evaluation methodologies, as part of an orientation of new staff preparing to deployed in field missions.
- Briefed USAID South Africa Mission leadership, implementing partners and representatives from the South African Government about impact evaluations options.
- Represented the Center's Learning Team to meeting with representatives from other government agencies.

PhD Candidate and Independent Researcher (September 2005- May 2013)*Columbia University, New York, NY*

- Conceptualized, fund-raised and served as principal investigator or co-principal investigator on more than half dozen large-scale research projects in half dozen African countries. The following are among specific results and achievements:
- Served as co-principal investigator on a 9-month long randomized control trial study in 150 villages, in partnership with the United National Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), seeking to identify the effects of democratic education and security-related programs carried out under the auspices of UNMIL on socioeconomic and political outcomes.
- Served as principal Investigator for randomized control trial seeking to identify the effects of access and listenership to UNMIL Radio's elections programs on rural women's political empowerment and participation.
- Served as co-principal investigator on a nationally representative survey of former combatants and noncombatants in Burundi that examined a wide range of issues including civil war participation and the effectiveness of ex-combatant reintegration and UN peacekeeping.
- Served as principal investigator on a large-scale, cross-national data collection project on all civil wars fought between 1960 and 2010. The project collects fine-grained information on various aspects of these wars, including causes and factors that sustain conflict; treatment of civilian populations by armed factions; dynamics of peace processes and the role of third-party actors in these processes; and UN interventions in postwar social and political processes, among others.
- Developed survey instruments and other research protocols (e.g., question guides for key-informant interviews; observation forms for training sessions; summary sheets for pre-intervention community assessments, etc.) to collect data.
- Hired, trained and supervised more than 250 enumerators and research assistants who helped carry out research activities for the different research projects.
- Conducted data analysis and authored or co-authored at least 12 academic research reports, including two that have already been published in top-tier peer-review academic journals, 2 articles that are currently under review and at least 4 articles that are submission-ready
- Authored or co-authored at least 6 policy reports (i.e. for policymakers and practitioners)
- Presented (or co-presented) research findings in at least three-dozen professional major conferences and working groups—both within the United States and internationally.

Consultant: (September 2010; September 2009- March 2010; June 2008-February 2009)

United Nations (UN), New York, NY

In September 2010, designed a strategy to evaluate impacts of the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) on behalf of IED-OIOS.

- Conducted a scoping mission in Sudan (and South Sudan) to assess feasibility of a local population survey. Study was not implemented due to preparations for a major referendum and difficult logistical and security conditions

From September 2009-March 2010, Lead Consultant for a local population survey in Liberia

Together with a co-author, designed and implemented a major nation-wide survey to evaluate local impacts of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), as part of a comprehensive evaluation commissioned by IED-OIOS

- Designed and implemented a sampling strategy; developed survey instruments and protocols for behavioral activities; selected, trained and supervised; 50 enumerators and research assistants supplied by a survey firm to carry out surveys and in-depth interviews
- Carried out in-depth interviews with stakeholders in the Liberian peace process, including chiefs and deputies of UNMIL's senior leaders, international NGOs, local and national leaders, former rebel commanders, traditional chiefs, civil society groups and ordinary citizens;
- Completed 1500 high-quality surveys consisting of 1,050 civilians and 450 former combatants randomly selected from 70 communities across Liberia (response rate was more than 95 percent) and more than 50 in-depth interviews with key informants
- Co-authored a final report titled "Quantitative Impact Evaluation of the United Nations Mission in Liberia" and its findings were used in the preparation of the report to the UN General Assembly (GA report A/64/712)
- Authored two academic papers (and co-wrote one academic paper), which ready for submission to peer- review journal (or currently under review) and have been presented in a number of professional conferences/workshops

From June 2008-February 2009, Lead Consultant for a local population survey in Cote d'Ivoire

Together with a co-author, designed and implemented a nationwide local population survey, commissioned by IED-OIOS, evaluating local impacts of the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire (UNOCI.)

- Designed and implemented a sampling strategy; developed survey instruments and protocols for qualitative interviews; selected, trained and supervised 40 enumerators who carried out data collection activities and data entry clerks who processed the data.
- Carried out in-depth interviews with stakeholders in the Ivorian peace process, including several chiefs and deputies of ONUCI's substantive sections, international NGOs, political and military leaders (including the leadership of the Forces Nouvelles), local administrative authorities and military commanders, traditional chiefs, civil society groups and ordinary citizens; analyzed

survey data and produced a final report.

- Completed 1500 high-quality and nationally representative surveys (1,200 civilians and 300 former combatants) and more than 50 in-depth interviews with local political actors
- Co-authored a final report titled “Laying a Foundation for Peace? A Quantitative Impact Evaluation of the United Nations Operation in Cote d’Ivoire” and its findings were used in the preparation of the report to the UN General Assembly (GA report A/63/713).
- Co-authored one academic paper, which has been presented in a number of professional conferences/workshops

Wellington Cordier Teaching Fellow (September- December 2009)

School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University, New York, NY

- Served as primary instructor for three sections (20 students in each) of Conceptual Foundations of International Politics, a Core Curriculum course for first-year students in the Masters of International Affairs program
- Led weekly discussion sessions (post-lecture) and developed additional materials (i.e. beyond lecture readings) to help students apply international relations theories and concepts to real-world international politics and foreign policy problems
- Graded all assignments for and assigned grades to students registered in my three sections

Adjunct Faculty (January- May 2009)

School of Continuing and Professional Studies (SCPS), New York University, New York, NY

- Designed and taught an upper-level undergraduate course (15 students) on Contemporary African Politics (syllabus can be provided upon request)
- Course focused on issues and problems confronting contemporary African, including variation in weak state structures; the source of pervasive economic crises and development problems; uneven democratic transitions and consolidations; the sources and responses to unstable political orders, including state weaknesses and violent civil wars; the effectiveness of foreign interventions such as democratic assistance and peacekeeping/peacebuilding; prevalence and solutions to new threats such as HIV-AIDS, terrorism and environmental problems, among others

Consultant (March-May 2008)

The World Bank, Washington, DC

- Coordinated evaluations of the World Bank’s Multi-Country Demobilization and Reintegration Program (MDRP), supporting social and economic reintegration of former combatants in seven African countries.
- Identified research activities and other fieldwork to be carried out and technical assistance to be provided to country counterparts as part of program-level and country-level evaluations
- Drafted terms of reference for consultants to carry out research activities; identified consultants/consultant teams and facilitated their recruitment and budgets of evaluation activities

Consultant (April- May 2007)

The International Rescue Committee (IRC), New York

- Assisted Professor Macartan Humphreys (Columbia University) to develop and pre-test a baseline survey for an impact evaluation of IRC’s CDD program in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
- Oversaw translation of surveys in three different languages (including local dialects); trained enumerators to pilot and pretest survey instruments in the field and conducted preliminary data cleaning and analysis

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

- “Reintegrating rebels into civilian life: Quasi-experimental evidence from Burundi” (co-authored with Michael Gilligan and Cyrus Samii). *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, June 2012
- “The Resource Curse, Democracy, and Development: Lessons from Strange Cases” (with Ellis Goldberg and Erik Wibbels). *Comparative Politics Studies* 2008, 41 (4-5): 477-514. Honorable Mention for Best Article, Comparative Democratization Section of the American Political Science Association (APSA), 2009.
- “When Participation is Not Novel: The Effects of Participatory Clan Chief Selection in Liberia” (with Kate Baldwin). *Revise and Resubmit*.
- “When and How Local Cultures Matter For Peace-Building Strategies To Promote Political Participation? Insights and Evidence From A Field Experiment in Rural Liberia.” Working paper.
- “Who Needs Information (and what kind) To Cooperate? Insights From A Field Experiment in Rural Liberia.” Working paper.
- “Peacebuilding interventions and democracy promotion from the bottom-up: survey evidence from Liberia.” Working paper.
- “United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) Radio’s Elections Programming, Women’s

Political Participation and Gender Gap: Experimental Evidence in Rural Liberia.” Working Paper.

- “Does Peacekeeping Work from the Bottom Up? Negative Evidence from Liberia” (with Cyrus Samii). Under review.
- “Voting under the Shadow of Civil War: Insights from a Field Experiment in Liberia” (with Cyrus Samii).
- “International NGOs and social cohesion after civil war: survey evidence from Liberia.” Working paper.
- “Can International Interventions Enable Citizens’ Enforcement of Local Governance? Evidence from a Field Experiment in Rural Liberia.” Working paper.
- “Helping Out Peacemakers or Picking Up The Tab For Gamblers? UN-sponsored Postwar Elections, Protagonist Types and Political Stability After Civil War.” Working paper.
- “Laying a Foundation for Peace? Micro-Impacts of Peacekeeping in Cote d’Ivoire” (with Cyrus Samii).
- “Community mechanisms and collective action in Sierra Leone” (with Gwendolyn Taylor and Cyrus Samii). Unpublished paper. Columbia University.

POLICY REPORTS

- “United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) Radio and Female Political Participation.” Final report for a Folke Bernadote Academy-funded study.
- “Peace from the Bottom Up: Peacebuilding & Democracy Promotion in Liberia.” Final report for a Folke Bernadote Academy-funded study (with Cyrus Samii).
- “Supporting Traditional Leaders and Local Structures to Mitigate Community-Level Conflict in Zimbabwe: Baseline Report to a USAID-funded project (forthcoming, with Kate Baldwin.)
- “Laying a Foundation for Peace? A Quantitative Impact Evaluation of the United Nations Operation in Cote d’Ivoire” (with Cyrus Samii). Final report for a study commissioned by IED-OIOS. Results used in the report to the UN General Assembly (GA report A/63/713).
- “Quantitative Impact Evaluation of the United Nations Mission in Liberia: Final Report” (with Cyrus Samii). Final report for a study commissioned by IED-OIOS. Results were used in the preparation of the report to the UN General Assembly (GA report A/64/712).
- “On-the-ground assessment of peacekeeping operations: a micro-level study of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL)” (with Cyrus Samii). Final report to FBA.
- “Making and Committing to Peace: Political Vulnerability and Civil War Termination” (with Page Fortna and Grant Gordon). Final report for a USIP-funded study.
- “Stabilizing the Postwar Environment in Burundi: Preliminary Results and Recommendations from a 2006 Pilot Survey” (with Cyrus Samii and Gwendolyn Taylor).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Presented two papers: “When and How Local Cultures Matter For Peace-Building Strategies To Promote Political Participation? Insights and Evidence From A Field Experiment in Rural Liberia;” and “Who Needs Information (and what kind) To Cooperate? Insights From A Field Experiment in Rural Liberia” at the 110th APSA in Chicago (August 28- September 01, 2013).

- Invited speaker at the World Bank’s Political Economy Seminar to present a paper entitled “Who needs information (and what kind) to cooperate? Behavioral evidence from a field experiment in rural Liberia.” Washington, DC: March 21, 2013.
- Invited panelist at Yale University’s organized conference titled “Corruption, Accountability, and Governance in Africa.” New Haven: February 28, 2013.
- Invited contributor to the World Bank/Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development expert meeting on peacebuilding and statebuilding indicators, Nairobi, Kenya. January 29-31, 2013.
- Briefed via video conference USAID South Africa’s Mission Leadership on a proposed Impact Evaluation Study for Gender-Based Violence prevention program. December 3, 2012.
- Presented options for an impact evaluation study for a planned Gender-Based Violence prevention program at a quarterly stakeholders’ meeting involving South Africa’s USAID mission and its partners. Pretoria, South Africa, November 21, 2012.
- Represented the Democracy Human Rights and Governance (DRG) Center’s Learning Team at a planning meeting to operationalize the United States Government (USG) Action Plan for Children in Adversity. NIH Campus, August 27, 2012.
- Presented on “opportunities and challenges of using field experiments to evaluate democracy and governance programs” at the annual Democracy Fellows Conference. Washington, DC: August 2012.
- Presented a paper titled “Do UN-sponsored Postwar Elections Enhance Political Stability after Civil War? A Cross-national Empirical Investigation” at the 52nd Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (ISA) Meeting. San Diego, CA: April 2012.
- Presented a paper titled “Do Informed Women Voters Make Better Decisions? Evidence from a Field Experiment in Liberia” at a workshop for the UNSCR 1325 Research Working Group. Uppsala, Sweden:

November 18-19, 2011.

- Presented a paper titled “Peacebuilding Interventions and Democracy Promotion From the Bottom-Up: Survey Evidence from Liberia.” at USAID: Washington, DC (October 14, 2011); at the Columbia University International Politics Seminar (CUIPS) (April 30, 2011); at the Center for the Study of Development Strategies (CSDS) Seminar, Columbia University (March 2011); at CAPERS--a joint New York University-Columbia University Working Group for scholars of African Political Economy (November 2010); and at the Columbia University Seminar on Africa (February 7, 2010).
- Presented a paper titled “International INGOs and Social Cohesion after Civil War: Survey Evidence from Liberia” at CUIPS, New York: September 29, 2011.
- Chaired a roundtable discussion on ethnical dilemmas and implementation challenges in field experiments at the workshop on Experiments in Political Economy co-organized by the Columbia Center for the Study of Development Strategies and the Harriman Institute. New York: May 18-20, 2011.
- Presented a paper titled “When Participation is Not Novel: The Effects of Participatory Clan Chief Selection in Liberia” at the 4th Annual Alexander Hamilton Center Conference on Political Economy, New York University (May 2011) and at CAPERS (with Kate Baldwin) April 2011.
- Presented a paper titled “Reintegrating Rebels into Civilian Life: Quasi-experimental Evidence from Burundi” (with Michael Gilligan and Cyrus Samii) at CAPERS, New York University (May 2010) and in Bujumbura, Burundi (February 26-27, 2009).
- Presented a paper titled “Laying a Foundation for Peace? Micro-Impacts of Peacekeeping in Cote d’Ivoire” (with Cyrus Samii) at CAPERS, Columbia University (October 2009) and at the 104th American Political Science Association (APSA) meeting in Toronto, Canada: September 2-6, 2009.
- Facilitated workshop clinics for an Impact Evaluation Initiatives of the World Bank. Dubai: June 2010.
- Presented my research at the joint National Science Foundation (NSF)-Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) program meeting in Washington, DC: May 2010.
- Participated in the Joint Development Impact Evaluation Initiative of the World Bank (DIME)-Experiments in Governance and Politics (EGAP) workshop in Dublin: May 2010.
- Participated in an experts’ workshop organized jointly by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and International Peace Institute (IPI) on the “Comprehensive Review Process of the UN Secretary General’s Recommendations on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa.” UN Plaza, New York: February 17, 2010.
- Presented research on “Impacts of Peacekeeping on Political Participation of Women in Postwar Liberia” at the Working Group on Gender and Peace Operations, Swedish Mission in New York: December 2009.
- Presented a paper titled “Quantitative Impact Evaluation of the United Nations Mission in Liberia” (with Cyrus Samii) at a workshop on Peace Operations organized by the Folke Bernadotte Academy at Columbia University (November 2009) and at New York University (November 1-2, 2008).
- Invited as guest speaker at the United Nations Headquarters to talk about “potential use of randomized control trials (RCTs) methods to evaluate United Nations projects and programs.” July 15, 2009.
- Invited guest speaker at the United Nations Headquarters to talk about “challenges of conducting local population surveys as a tool to evaluate peacekeeping operations in war-torn countries.” July 9, 2009.
- Invited guest speaker at a workshop organized by Columbia University’s Center for International Conflict Resolution and the State Department for visiting Congolese Parliamentarians. New York: April 2009.
- Presented a paper at the 49th International Studies Association Meeting in San Francisco, March 2008.
- Participated in the New Era Conference on American Foreign Policy at UC Berkeley: February 2008.
- Presented a paper on micro-effects of peacekeeping operations in Burundi at a workshop on Peace Operations organized by FBA and Georgetown University, Washington, DC: October 20-21, 2007.
- Presented a paper titled “Designing Research on the Micro-dynamics of Civil Wars” (with Cyrus Samii and Gwen Taylor) at Yale University’s Graduate Student Workshop (April 14-15, 2006) and at a workshop on Peace Operations co-organized by FBA and Yale University (, December 1- 2, 2006).
- Presented a paper on “war-time and postwar experiences of former civil war combatants and civilians in Burundi” at the 102nd APSA meeting in Philadelphia (September 1- 4, 2006) and at the 101st APSA meeting in Washington, DC: September 1-4, 2005.

RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Research Grant from the Swedish Government to conduct an experimental study on the effects of security and democracy/governance promotion programs on a wide range of governance and political participation outcomes across rural communities in Liberia. (2008, \$70,000 and 2011, \$39,000).
- Research Grant from the Folke Bernadotte Academy (with Page Fortna) to investigate the impacts of UN interventions on postwar political processes in Cote d’Ivoire and Liberia. (2011, \$ 70,000).
- Research Grant from the Folke Bernadotte Academy (with Page Fortna) to undertake a nationwide survey study evaluating local impacts of UNMIL (2008, \$74,000)
- Research Grant from USIP (with Page Fortna) to study the duration and termination of civil wars fought between 1960 and 2010 (2008, \$67,000)
- Research Grant from the Folke Bernadotte Academy (with Cyrus Samii and Gwen Taylor) to undertake a nationwide survey study on wartime and post-conflict experiences of former civil war combatants and ordinary civilians in Burundi (2007, \$73,000).

- Research Grant from USIP (with Cyrus Samii and Gwen Taylor) to undertake a nationwide survey on wartime and post-conflict experiences of former civil war combatants and ordinary civilians in Burundi (2007, \$53,600).
- Research Grant from the Folke Bernadotte Academy for a study on the effects of United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) Radio programs on women's political participation in rural Liberia (2011, \$25,000).
- Research Grant from the Folke Bernadotte Academy (with Cyrus Samii and Gwen Taylor) for a pilot study of former combatants' reintegration into civilian life in Burundi (2011, \$28,000).
- Graduate Research Fellowship from the National Science Foundation for three years of support for graduate studies (2006, \$121,000).
- Jacob K. Javits Fellowship for support for graduate studies. (2006, \$ est. 160,000; declined.)
- IGERT-International Development and Globalization Program Fellowship for two years of support for graduate studies (2007, \$83,000).
- Merage Fellowship for the American Dream for field research and strategic travel related to academic development (2005, \$20,000).
- Travel Grants from Columbia University's Institute of War and Peace Studies to conduct research in Burundi and the DRC (2007, \$4,000) and from Columbia University's Center for the Study of Human Rights to conduct preliminary research in the DRC (2008, \$2,000).
- Presidential Scholarship from the University of Washington's Office of the President and Early Identification Program, for a yearlong research project entitled "On the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations in Intrastate Wars" (2004-2005; \$6,300).
- Mary Gates Research Training Scholarship from the UW, for a collaborative research project with Professors Erik Wibbels and Ellis Goldberg (2003-2004, \$3000 and 2004-2005; \$4,500) and the Leonard Fund for Excellence Award from the University of Washington (2003-2004, \$5,000).

ACADEMIC HONORS, MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

- Peer-reviewer for *Journal of Politics*
- Peer-reviewer for *International Security*
- Peer-reviewer for *International Study Quarterly*
- Peer-reviewer for *Comparative Political Studies*
- Peer-reviewer for *Journal for Peace Research*
- Robert A. Dahl Award, UW (2005)
- Valedictorian and HeartWork Award, SCCC, Seattle WA (2003)
- Pi Sigma Alpha, President of the UW chapter (2004)
- Phi Beta Kappa (2005)
- American Political Science Association (APSA), 2005-
- Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA), 2011-
- International Studies Association (ISA), 2006-
- African Studies Associations (ASA), 2012-
- Member of the Working Group on Peace Operations (2006-Present)
- Member of the 1325 Research Working Group on Women and Conflict (2010-)

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- Fluent (both speaking and writing) in English, French, Swahili, Lingala, and Kinyarwanda / Kirundi