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### EMPLOYMENT

Graduate Assistant. Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, August 2006-Present

Western & Southern Financial Life. Financial Analyst/Consultant, Indianapolis, IN. August 2005-July 2006.

University of Indianapolis Accounting Office. Student Worker. Indianapolis, IN. September 2003-May 2005

Campus Programming Board (CPB). Event Planner. University of Indianapolis. Indianapolis, IN. October 2002-January 2005.

### EDUCATION

PhD. Political Science, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, August 2008- Present  
Estimated Completion Date – May 2011

M.A., Political Science, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, August 2006 – August 2008. Graduated August 2008.

B.S. Economics/Finance. University of Indianapolis. August 2002- May 2005.  
Graduated May 2005

Hobart & William Smith Colleges. Geneva, NY. August 2001- May 2002.  
Transferred

### AREAS OF INTEREST

Fields of Study-  
Comparative Government & Politics, International Relations, Methodology.

Interests-  
Comparative Government & Politics - Democracy and regime transitions

International Relations – International influences on transition,  
Methodology – Case-study analysis, Public Opinion, Mixed Methods

Area of Specialization-  
Africa

## **PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS**

### *Completed Projects-*

“The Impact of Alternation. A Comparative Analysis of Satisfaction with and Support for Democracy: Evidence from Nigeria, Ghana and Senegal.”

*Delivered at the 2009 Annual Midwest Political Science Conference in Chicago, IL*

“Evaluations of Democracy. Determinants of Democratic Support in Liberalizing Autocracies of Sub-Saharan Africa: A Factor Analytic Approach. (December, 2008)

“Political Discourse Analyses and the Strategic Linguistic Functions of Presidential Inaugural Speeches in West Africa: Evidence from Ghana and Nigeria” (December, 2008)

“The Impact of Alternation. A Comparative Analysis of Satisfaction with and Support for Democracy: Evidence from Nigeria, Ghana and Senegal.”

*Accepted Thesis required for completion of M.A. (August 2008)*

“The 1884 Partition of Africa: A Deconstruction of Events.” (May, 2008)

“The Meaning, and Popular Perceptions of Democracy in Ghana” Poster presented at Department of Political Science Fall Poster Presentations. Carbondale, IL. (Jan 2008)

“Protest, Resistance, and Demonstrations in Ghana and Nigeria. A Comparative Analysis Detailing the Emergence of Advocacy Groups” Poster presented at Department of Political Science Fall Poster Presentations. Carbondale, IL. (Jan 2007)

### *Forthcoming-*

“The Politics of sub-Saharan African Emigration: Who wins and who is left out?”

“The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). Sovereign, or a Mere Extension of State Capacity? A Challenge to the Realist Doctrine of International Relations.

## **CERTIFICATIONS & AWARDS**

Graduate Assistantship, Southern Illinois University – Carbondale. Department of Political Science. Granted August 2006-Present

Best poster award, Jan 2007. Fall Poster Presentations in Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University- Carbondale.

*Poster Title:* “Protest, Resistance, and Demonstrations in Ghana and Nigeria. A Comparative Analysis Detailing the Emergence of Advocacy Groups”

Alumni Scholarship. University of Indianapolis. Must maintain 2.9 G.P.A. to retain.  
(August 2002-May 2005)

Life & Health Insurance Certified- August 2005

## **TEACHING / RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Research Assistant to Dr. Laura Hatcher. Assistant Professor. Political Science.  
Southern Illinois University – Carbondale. August 2009- January 2010.

Lecturer: Political Science Southern Illinois University – Carbondale. POLS 250:  
*Introduction to Comparative Politics*. Assigned for Spring Semester 2010.

Lecturer for POLS 250: *Introduction to Comparative Politics and Government*. Lecture  
dates of April 6-15, 2009, on democratization in Benin.

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Fred Solt. Assistant Professor. Political Science Southern  
Illinois University – Carbondale. POLS 250: *Introduction to Comparative Politics*.  
January 2009 – May 2009.

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Stephen Bloom. Assistant Professor. Political Science.  
Southern Illinois University- Carbondale. POLS 352i *Ethnicity and Nationalism*. January  
2008- May 2008.

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Roudy Hildreth. Assistant Professor. Political Science.  
Southern Illinois University- Carbondale. POLS 205: *Introduction to Political Thought*.  
January 2008- May 2008

Research Assistant to Dr. Tobin Grant. Associate Professor. Political Science. Southern  
Illinois University – Carbondale. January 2007- May 2007

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Steve Shulman. Associate Professor. Political Science  
Southern Illinois University – Carbondale. POLS 480: *International Politics*. January  
2007 – May 2007

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Fred Solt. Assistant Professor. Political Science Southern  
Illinois University – Carbondale. POLS 250: *Introduction to Comparative Politics*.  
September 2006- December 2006

Lecturer- Introduction to Business 101: *Freshman Experience in Business*: Under the  
auspices of Camille Flora. University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN. January –May  
2005.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Volunteer, Imagination Station Children's Scientific Museum. West Lafayette, IN. May 2002- July 2002.

Graduate Assistant to Study of the United States Institute (SUSI) sponsored by State Department with SIUC as host institution. Assisted on day to day activities of 1 month stay of 19 South-East Asian student leaders. *June-July 2009.*

Graduate body representative on SIUC Department of Political Science Executive Faculty Committee. *Fall Semester 2009.*

## REFERENCES

### **Dr. Stephen Shulman**

Associate Professor  
Southern Illinois University  
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Carbondale, Illinois 62901  
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