Afolabi Toye

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EDUCATION

2026 **Ph.D., Political Science**, University of North Texas
Dissertation successfully defended September 30, 2026

Committee: Dr. Marijke Breuning (Chair); Dr. Idean Salehyan; Dr. John Ishiyama; Dr. Michael Greig.

Fields: International Relations and Comparative Politics

2020 **M.A., International Studies,** Chapman University, Orange, California.
2014 **M.A., International Relations,** International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.
2010 **B.Sc.,** Urban and Regional Planning, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria.

RESEARCH

Revise and Resubmit

Toye, A., Esparza, D. & Yun, S.M. "The Ivory Garrison: Crises, Military Academies and Mutinies." (*Armed Forces and Society)*

Toye, A. "Shared Political Background and the Timing of Civil War Onset." (*Civil Wars*)

Work in Progress

Toye, A. "Trained to Who Fights Whom: Leaders' Combat Experience and the Intensity of Civil War." (*draft available*)

Toye, A. "Repression and Reform: The Conditional Effects of Western Education on Governance." (*draft available*)

Toye, A. "Leader Similarity and Civil War Duration and Outcomes" (*draft available*)

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Hamza, A. & **Toye, A.** (2025). *The Secret Peace in Turkey: How Aging Leaders are Ending a War*. (*War on the Rocks)*.

RESEARCH INTEREST

International security and early warning signals, civil war and conflict processes in Africa, foreign policy analysis, and political behavior.

RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT

Jan.–May 2025 **(Data collection) Research Assistant**
Nostalgia and Authoritarianism in African Politics, University of North Texas
(with Dr. Sanghoon Kim)

Jan.–May 2023 **(Literature Review) Research Assistant**
Empirical Assessment of the Small State Concept, University of North Texas

(with Dr. Marijke Breuning)

Jan.–June 2020 **(Transcriber) Research Assistant**
The Rise and Fall of Omar al-Bashir's Regime in Sudan, Chapman University
(With Dr. Crystal Murphy)

TEACHING

Teaching Fellow (Instructor on Record), University of North Texas
Spring 2027 PSCI 3810 International Relations

Teaching Fellow (Instructor on Record), University of North Texas
Fall 2026 PSCI 2306 U.S. and Texas Constitutions and Institutions

Teaching Fellow (Instructor on Record), University of North Texas
Fall 2025 PSCI 3810 International Relations

Guest Lectures, University of North Texas
Spring 2025 PSCI 2306 U.S. and Texas Government –
"The Texas Executive Branch" (March 21, 2025) –
"The Presidency: Federal Executive Branch"(March 5, 2025)
Fall 2022 PSCI 2306 U.S. and Texas Constitutions and Institutions –
"System of Government"(November 27, 2022)

Teaching Assistant, University of North Texas
2021-2025 PSCI 2305 US Political Behavior and Policy
PSCI 2306 US and Texas Constitutions and Institutions
PSCI 2306 American Government: Structure and Institutions
PSCI 3810 Introduction to International Relations

Instructor, Goretti Girls' Secondary Commercial, Ikot Ekpene, Nigeria
2010-2011 Foundational Concepts of Government

TEACHING AREAS

International Relations, Comparative Politics, International Security, Civil War, Conflict Management, Foreign Policy, Terrorism, Research Design, Law & Armed Conflict, U.S. Government and Institutions, African Politics.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Case Worker

Services to the Armed Forces, American Red Cross Regional Office, Orange, CA, 2020–2021

SERVICE

Peer Reviewer

International Studies Quarterly (ISQ), 2025

Mentorship

APSA Mentorship Program, American Political Science Association (APSA), 2025

INVITED TALK

Voice of America (VOA), 2023
Interviewed on the impact of Chinese textile imports on African manufacturers, based on my M.A. thesis, *China–Africa Relations: The Northern Nigeria Textile Industry.*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
2025. International Studies Association (ISA)
2024. International Studies Association-Midwest (ISA-Midwest)
2024. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
2023. Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA)
2014. Silk Road International Conference, Tbilisi, Georgia.

GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP

Conferences Travel Grants
2025 Travel Grants **(**International Studies Association)
2025 Travel Grants (Toulouse Graduate School, University of North Texas)
2025 Travel Grants (Department of Political Science, University of North Texas)
2025 Travel Grants (The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, University of North Texas)
2024 Travel Grants **(**International Studies Association-Midwest)
2024 Travel Grants (Department of Political Science, University of North Texas)
2024 Travel Grants (Department of Political Science, University of North Texas)
2024 Travel Grants (The College of Liberal Arts and Social Science, University of North Texas)
2023 Travel Grants (Department of Political Science, University of North Texas)
Awards
2025 C. Neal and Carol Tate Fund (University of North Texas) **$1000**
2023 McAlister Society Award (University of North Texas) **$ 750**
2020 Merit-Based Scholarship (Chapman University) **$ 4000**
Scholarship
2022-2026 Tuition Benefit Program (Toulouse Graduate School, University of North Texas**)**

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2025-present American Political Science Association
2024-present International Studies Association
2024-present International Studies Association-Midwest
2024-present Midwest Political Science Association
2015-present Nigeria Institute of International Affairs

SKILLS

Methods/Data: survival analysis, multinomial logistic regression, maximum likelihood estimation, logistic regression, causal inference, and process tracing.
Software: R, Stata, SPSS, Qualtrics (survey design/experiments).
Security analytics: cross-national dataset construction; reproducible workflows.

REFERENCES

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