

**BETH RABINOWITZ**  
*Curriculum Vitae*  
Email: [br274@rutgers.edu](mailto:br274@rutgers.edu)

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Associate Professor, Fall 2019 – Present**

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey-Camden, Department of Political Science

**Assistant Professor, Fall 2013 – Spring 2019**

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey-Camden, Department of Political Science

## EDUCATION

**University of California, Berkeley,**

**PhD**, Political Science, August 2013

**Chair:** Steve Vogel; **Committee:** Catherine Boone, Michael Watts, Robert Price

**University of Chicago,**

**MA**, Social Science, December 2000

**Thesis Advisor:** Ralph Austen

**State University of New York, Purchase,**

**BA**, Philosophy, November 1993

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ethnic Conflict, Nationalism,  
Populism, Fascism,  
State Development, Rural Development,  
Political Institutionalization,  
Political Leadership,  
Military Politicization, Coup Politics,  
African Politics

## PEER-REVIEWED BOOKS

Beth Rabinowitz, *Defensive Nationalism: Explaining the rise of populism and fascism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Oxford University Press, July 2023.

<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/defensive-nationalism-9780197672044?cc=us&lang=en&>

Beth Rabinowitz, *Coups, Rivals, and the Modern State: Why Rural Coalitions Matter in Sub-Saharan Africa*. Cambridge University Press, April 2018.  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/GEY2HUDIHY2DVRIRJAJF/full?target=10.1080/13537113.2022.2031689>

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Beth Rabinowitz, “[Defensive Nationalism: Where Populism Meets Nationalism.](#)” *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, Feb. 2022.

Beth Rabinowitz, “Ethnicity and Power in Sub-Saharan Africa: Do Colonial Institutions Still Matter?” *Journal of Comparative Politics*, April 2020.  
DOI: [10.5129/001041520x156884074905280010-41592020](https://doi.org/10.5129/001041520x156884074905280010-41592020)

Beth Rabinowitz, “More than elections: rural support and regime stability in Africa.” *African Studies Review*, September 2018. DOI: [10.1017/asr.2018.36](https://doi.org/10.1017/asr.2018.36)

Beth Rabinowitz and Paul Jargowsky, “Political Strategy and Coup Risk: The Importance of Rural Alliances in Sub-Saharan Africa.” *Armed Forces and Society*, April 2018.  
DOI: [10.1177/0095327x17695514](https://doi.org/10.1177/0095327x17695514)

## WORKING MONOGRAPHS

*Territory & Trust: Why some countries develop their economies and others do not.*

## SINGLE-AUTHORED ORIGINAL DATA SETS

Beth Rabinowitz, [Replication Data for “Ethnicity and Power in Sub-Saharan Africa: Do Colonial Institutions Still Matter?”](#) *Journal of Comparative Politics*, April 2020.

*Object:* To test the effects of colonial legacies on relative group power relations today.  
*Coding:* 139 ethnic groups in 23 sub-Saharan countries on how they were positioned during the latter stages of colonialism. Four categories are included groups 1) recruited to the colonial administration 2) recruited into the military corps, 3) recruited into the colonial officer corps, 4) differentiated by special administrative policies.

Beth Rabinowitz, Paul Jargowsky, [Replication Data for “Rethinking Coup Risk: Rural Coalitions and Coup-Proofing in Sub-Saharan Africa.”](#) *Armed Forces & Society*, May 2017.

*Object:* To test the importance of rural areas for political stability (measured by coups),  
*Coding:* 135 regimes in 44 sub-Saharan countries on “Rural Political Score” (RPS), a composite index based on seven proxies that measure three dimensions: political support base, levels of decentralization, and support of chieftaincy.

## PUBLISHED ARTICLES/EDITORIALS

“An Era of Defensive Nationalism” | Made by History, Time Magazine, March 18, 2024

<https://time.com/6695953/defensive-nationalism/>

“Yellow journalism period offers cues to fight fake news, heal political divide” | Opinion, Special to the USA TODAY Network, January 22, 2021.

<https://www.northjersey.com/story/opinion/2021/01/22/yellow-journalism-period-offers-cues-fight-fake-news/6669130002/>

“This is why we need to take QAnon’s crazy rhetoric seriously” | Opinion, nj.com, Published: Dec. 17, 2020.

<https://www.nj.com/opinion/2020/12/this-is-why-we-need-to-take-qanons-crazy-rhetoric-seriously-opinion.html>

“[Can America Devolve Into Civil Conflict? More Easily Than You Know, Says Political Scientist](#)” Interview featured in Rutgers News, 2021.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“Territory and Trust: Why some countries develop their economies and others do not.”

“The New World Disorder: Political Polarization, Extreme Politics, and Rising Conflict.”

## **PEER REVIEWER**

- *Democratization*
- *International Studies Quarterly*
- *Comparative Politics*
- *Political Behavior*
- *Armed Forces and Society*
- *African Security*
- *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PAPERS**

“Why historical analogy matters: Lessons from late 19th century proto-fascist movements”  
International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference, November 2024.

“Why Now? Using Polanyi and Schumpeter as a Guide to 21st Century Populism.” Midwest  
Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2022.

“Territory & Trust: Why some countries develop their economies and others do not.” Midwest  
Political Science Association Annual Conference, Accepted April 2022.

“Territory & Trust: Why some countries develop their economies and others do not.” American  
Political Science Association Annual Conference, Sept 2021.

“Why now: Understanding the spread of populism and nativism in the 21st century.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Sept 2021.

“Territory & Trust: Why some countries develop their economies and others do not.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2021.

“Why now: Understanding the spread of populism and nativism in the 21st century.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2021.

“Why now: Understanding the spread of populism and nativism in the 21st century.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2020.

“Political vs. Power Consolidation: A New Typology of Neopatrimonial Rule.” African Studies Association, 62<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 2019.

Author meets Critique: ‘Beth Rabinowitz; *Coups, Rivals and the Modern State: Why Rural Coalitions Matter in Sub-Saharan Africa*. African Studies Association, 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA., November 2018. **Chair:** Catherine Boone, London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE), Scott Straus, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Jesse Ribot, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Philip Roessler, College of William and Mary.

“The Military and Democratization: Challenging Assumptions About Popular Uprisings and Regime Change.” African Studies Association, 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA., November 2018.

“Political vs. Power Consolidation: A New Typology of Neopatrimonial Rule.” African Studies Association, 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL., November 2017.

“Persistence Despite Change: Ethnicity and Power in Africa.” African Studies Association 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 2016.

“Persistence Despite Change: Ethnicity and Power in Africa.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2016.

“Ethnic Saliency: Bringing Institutions Back In.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 2015.

“*Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose*: ethnic power relations in post-colonial African states.” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, March 2015.

“Urban-Bias and the Roots of Political Instability: The Case for the Strategic Importance of the Rural Periphery in sub-Saharan Africa.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 29, 2013.

## **AWARDS**

- Chancellor's Research Council Grant, Awarded 2019-2020, Rutgers University

## **GRANTS**

- Research Council Grant, Awarded 2019-2020, Rutgers University
- Nomination for American Political Science Association's Gabriel Almond Award for best dissertation in Comparative Politics, Nominated 2015
- Research Council Grant, Awarded 2014-2015, Rutgers University
- The Andrew and Mary Thompson Rocca Fellowship in Advanced African Studies, Awarded 2011-2012, University of California, Berkeley
- The Andrew and Mary Thompson Rocca Fellowship in Advanced African Studies, Awarded 2009-2010, University of California, Berkeley
- Political Science Department Finishing Fellowship, Awarded 2010, University of California, Berkeley
- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse, New York, Awarded Spring 2009, Full funding to attend three-week seminar.

## **PUBLISHED BOOK REVIEWS**

*Review: African Miracle, African Mirage: Transnational Politics and the Paradox of Modernization in Ivory Coast.* By Abu B. Bamba, Ohio University Press, 2016. In *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, January 2019.

*Review: Seizing power: The strategic logic of military coups.* By Naunihal Singh, John Hopkins Press, 2014. In *Strategybridge*, November 2019.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- International Studies Association (ISA), Member
- African Studies Association (ASA), Member
- African Politics Conference Group (APCG), Member
- American Political Science Association (APSA), Member

## **TEACHING**

### ***Undergraduate***

Political Methods, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Comparative Politics of Developing Countries, Government & Free Markets, African Politics, Classical Political Theory, Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict, Industrialization and Urbanization in the Developing World, Honors Seminar

### ***Graduate***

International Economic Development, Comparative Public Policy, Logic of Social Inquiry, Research Design

***Guest Lecturer***

African Politics, Lauder Institute, Wharton, University of Pennsylvania

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Faculty Senate President, Fall 2022 –Spring 2023

Faculty Senate Vice President, Fall 2020 – Spring 2022

Faculty Senate Member, 2013, 2017 – 2020

PhD Committee, Public Policy, and Administration, Fall 2014 – Spring 2022

Gen Ed Committee Member, Global Communities Committee, Fall 2013- Spring 2014

Course Evaluation Review Committee, Political Science, 2014 – Present

NTT Merit Award Committee, Political Science 2014 – Present

Undergraduate and Graduate Student Advising