

Academic Appointments

2021 **Assistant Professor, International Studies**
Pepperdine University

Education

2021 **The University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas)**
Ph.D. in Public Policy and Political Economy
Master of Science in Social Data Analytics and Research

2015 **Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas**
Master's in Business Administration

2009 **Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana**
BSc Urban Planning

Book Chapters

Taden, John and Kamau, Casper. (2020). Globalization and customary law adoptions in Sub-Saharan Africa. In M. M. Kithinji & O. E. Anyanwu (Eds.), *Africana World in Perspective: An Introduction to Africa and the African Diaspora*. Kendall Hunt Publishing Co.

Taden, John. Is African religiosity a hinderance to development? In W. G. Moseley & K. M. Otiso (Eds.), *Under the Palaver Tree: Debating Enduring and Contemporary African Issues*. (Forthcoming with Taylor and Francis)

Under Review

Taden, John. "Analyzing the incentives and constraints presented by trade liberalization for domestic policymaking."

Bunte, Jonas and Taden, John. "Loans, Grants, and Taxes: How foreign aid shapes domestic institutions in developing countries."

Taden, John. "Protests, Political Accountability, and Religion in Africa"

Research Impact, Policy Publications, and Media

Say More on That Podcast, [John Taden on Electoral Petitions and Smooth Landings](#)

The Conversation, [Why election outcomes are being challenged, and why it matters. Ghana as a case in point](#)

Reprints/Reproductions:

The Africa Report, [Ghana: A case study for democratic election outcome disputes](#)

AllAfrica, [Why election outcomes are being challenged, and why it matters. Ghana as a case in point](#)

African Eye Report, [Why Election Outcomes Are Being Challenged, and Why it Matters](#)

JoyNews TV, Ghana. [Re-election of Nana Akufo-Addo: Economists urge government to reduce assertive borrowing](#)

JoyNews TV, Ghana. [Economist warns of implication for ROPAA not implemented](#)

TED Talk. [Localizing Justice and Privatizing the Right to Punish. TEDX \(Video\)](#)

Medium. [Myths versus reality: What the data tell us so far about COVID-19](#)

Selected Works in Progress

Taden, John. "Global Trade Integration and Domestic Tax Reforms"

Taden, John. "Resource Booms, Industrial Busts, and Cross-Border Spillover Effects in Post-Colonial Sub-Saharan Africa," (*Dissertation*)

Taden, John and Kamau, Casper. "Constitutional Bargaining and the Emergence of Customary Law Provisions"

Databases

Mob (In)justice: This database tracks violent mob attacks often carried out under circumstances regularly described as instant justice. I use a host of computerized natural language processors to track attacks from social media and mainstream news sources. This project's goal is to provide security agencies and policymakers data needed to fight mob justice.

Teaching

Spring 2021	Instructor, Research Design for Policy Scientists, EPPS 2301. UT Dallas <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Students gain a solid foundation for further study of research methods. Topics: philosophy of science, logic of inquiry, qualitative approaches, producing data, and assessing validity of conclusions</i>
Fall 2020	Instructor, Political Economy of Developing Countries, IPEC 4302. UT Dallas. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Students test hypotheses from seminal political and economic theories and attempt to explain the underlying causes of the divergent paths of development between countries</i>
Spring 2020	Instructor, Quantitative Analysis in the Social and Policy Sciences, EPPS 2302, UT Dallas <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Students are introduced to statistical analysis in social and policy science research. They also learn to apply software to data visualizations and cause-effect interactions with regression models</i>
Summer 2019	Instructor, Political Economy of Africa, IPEC 4308. UT Dallas <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Students review and apply political and economic theories to development in Africa, including on institutions, conflict, democratization, natural resources, industrialization, debt, trade, and China</i>
2016 - 2020	Teaching Assistant, UT Dallas <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Political Economy of Industrialized Countries, Politics of International Finance, PE of Developing Countries</i>

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

2020	Marianne Stewart Teaching Award, UT Dallas (<i>nominated</i>)
2020/21	Adam Smith Fellow, George Mason University, (\$5,000)
March 2020	International Studies Association Grant, Junior Scholar Symposium, (\$1,200)
2019 - 21	Humane Studies Dissertation Fellowship, (\$8,000)
2020	Summer Research Fellowship Award, IHS, (\$5,000)
2018 - 20	Ph.D. Research Grants, UT Dallas, Travel Grant to ISA-Midwest, (\$1,000) and SPSA Puerto Rico, (\$1,000)
August 2019	Cambridge University Press Travel Grant, Travel Award to APSA, (\$260)
January 2019	Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Award for Graduate Student Presenter at SPSA, (\$260)
2013 - 15	Graduate Assistant Scholarship, Texas A&M University, Commerce, Tuition Waiver, (\$12,000)
2013	Tuition Reimbursement, Loaf N' Jug, Reimbursement for Business Administration Program, (\$3,000)

Discussant and Chair Roles

October 2021	Chair, Pandemic Effects, APSA 2021, Seattle Washington
October 2021	Chair, Territory, Politics, and Power in Africa, APSA 2021, Seattle Washington
March 2020 (Covid19 canceled)	Chair, Politics after Infrastructure: Frontiers, Resistance, and the Limits of Material Powers. ISA 2020, Honolulu
January 2020	Chair and Discussant, Comparative Political Institutions Panel, SPSA 2020, Puerto Rico
November 2019	Discussant, Fall Working Paper Series, EPPS, UT Dallas <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Paper by Bi, Jingnan: How Does Social Capital Moderate the Effects of Paternal Socioeconomic Status on Child Health?</i>
August 2019	Discussant, Firms and the Political Economy of Regulation Panel, APSA 2019, Washington, D.C.

Invited Seminars, Panels, and Workshops

April 2020 (Covid19 canceled)	Judge, Federation of North Texas Area Universities Research Symposium, Denton Texas <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>To serve as a judge for the master's and Ph.D. students' poster competition</i>
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March 2020 <i>(Covid19 canceled)</i>	Panelist, Junior Scholar Symposium, International Studies Association (ISA), Honolulu, Hawaii.
November 2019	Panelist, Graduate Students Research Forum, National Tax Association (NTA), Tampa Florida
March 2019	Speaker, Harvard Africa Development Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA - <i>Topic: Religion – God as Commodity: Religion in Africa and the Diaspora</i>
March 2019	Speaker, Spring Working Paper Series, EPPS, UT Dallas - <i>Paper: The Impact of Foreign Aid on Domestic Taxation Systems</i>
November 2018	Participant, Innovative Pedagogy Conference, St. Louis, Mo <i>Workshops on:</i> - <i>Innovative Teaching and International Studies Literacy, International Studies Curriculum Design and Administration, Simulations and Games for Teaching Political Violence</i>
November 2018	Trainee, ISA Graduate Teacher Training. Member of the inaugural cohort. St. Louis, Mo. <i>(Certificate awarded)</i>
November 2014	Participant, Texas Social Media Research Conference, Tarleton State University

Conferences

September 2020	Citizen Pressure for Democracy: Examining Approval for Contentious Tactics, Taden, John, APSA, San Francisco, CA
March 2020 <i>(Covid19cancelled)</i>	Globalization and the Domestic Policy Dilemma for Developing Country Politicians, Taden, John, ISA, Honolulu, Hawaii
March 2020 <i>(Covid19cancelled)</i>	International Norms, International Organizations, and Customary Law Provisions in African State Constitutions, Kamau, Casper and Taden, John, ISA, Honolulu, Hawaii
January 2020	Foreign Aid and Domestic Taxation Systems, Bunte, Jonas and Taden, John, SPSA, Puerto Rico
January 2020	Globalization and the Domestic Policy Dilemma for Developing Country Politicians, Taden, John, SPSA, Puerto Rico
November 2019	How Trade Liberalization Influences Tax Policies of Developing Countries, Taden, John, National Tax Association (NTA), Tampa, Florida
August 2019	Tax Politics: How Liberalization Influences Reform Choices for Politicians, Taden, John, APSA, Washington, D.C.
June 2019	Foreign Aid and Domestic Taxation Systems, Bunte, Jonas and Taden, John, Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Belfast, Northern Ireland
March 2019	Why Do Some Neighboring Countries Grow Together While Others Grow Apart? Taden, John, ISA, Toronto, Canada
January 2019	Neighboring Countries and Dissimilar Paths of Growth, Taden, John, SPSA, Austin, Texas
November 2018	Foreign Aid and Domestic Taxation Systems, Bunte, Jonas and Taden, John, International Political Economy Society (IPES), MIT, Cambridge Massachusetts
November 2018	Industrial Manufacturing, Natural Resources, and Cross-border Spillovers, Taden, John, ISA – Midwest, St. Louis, Missouri

Research Experience

Summer 2018	Economic Research Analyst, 2M Research Services, LLC - <i>Wrote Stata and SAS codes to download, clean, match, and merge large datasets</i> - <i>Wrote part of a management and data preparation proposal for a National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration study to produce feasible methodologies for detecting change in traffic safety attitudes</i> - <i>Participated in the discussion, analyses, and editing of final research reports, including on:</i> ○ <i>The effect of marginal tax rates on the internal and external margins of low-income earners</i> ○ <i>How states safeguard SNAP participant personally identifiable information</i>
2013 – 2015	Graduate Research Assistant, Marketing Communications, Texas A&M University, Commerce - <i>Conducted three research surveys on students' social media attitudes</i> - <i>Implemented findings, increasing the University's social media following from 7000 to 30,000</i>

Recognitions, Features, and Other Awards

October 2019	Student Spotlight , School of Economic Political and Policy Sciences, UT Dallas
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June 2015 [Winner, Financial Market Simulation](#), College of Business, Texas A&M University, Commerce
June 2015 [Student of the Month](#), College of Business, Texas A&M University, Commerce

Service and Leadership

2020 - Present Peer Reviewer, Africa Spectrum Journal
2019 - Present Co-Founder and President, [Public Policy and Political Economy Club](#)
2018 - Present Podcast Host/Editor/Researcher, [Politics, Economics, and Policy Podcast, \(PEP Talk\)](#)
2006 -2008 Educator, Summer Rural Health Education, IMCS PAX Romana, Ghana

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, International Studies Association

Additional Training

Stata, R, Python, Latex, Tableau, SPSS, SAS, Minitab

References

Available upon request