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EDUCATION

PhD: Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Public Policy, American University (2016-2020)
MA: Intelligence and International Security, King's College London (2014-2015) – Pass with Distinction
BA: International Relations, Peace and Conflict Studies, United States International University-Africa(2010-2014)

TEACHING AND ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023 – Present Associate Professor
Africa Center for Strategic Studies, Department of War/Defense, Washington, DC
2022 – 2023 Research Fellow
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, MA
2020 – 2023 Assistant Professor
University of Alabama, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Tuscaloosa, AL
2016 – 2020 Research Assistant/Adjunct Instructor
American University, School of Public Affairs, Washington, DC

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2026 **Daisy Muibu** & Nathan Pino, “Public Confidence and Counterinsurgency in Hybrid Security Governance Contexts,” *Security Studies*, **ACCEPTED**
2025 Sarah M. Lynch, **Daisy Muibu**, Willow Kreutzer, Ethan Ferguson, “Peer Support Programs and Law Enforcement Psychological Strain: A Systematic Review,” *Policing: An International Journal* 48:6, 1207-1226
2025 Suat Cubukcu, Suleyman Ozeren & **Daisy Muibu**, “Sympathy for ISIS among Political Islamists: The Moderating Role of Institutional Trust,” *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 1-22
2025 **Daisy Muibu** and Yayedior Mbengue, “Somalia at a Crossroads: Resurgent Insurgents, Fragmented Politics, and the Uncertain Future of AUSSOM,” *CTC Sentinel* 18:05, 1-11
2025 **Daisy Muibu**, Anna Vasaturo, Wilson Spurrell & Elena Savoia, “The use of psychological interventions in tertiary prevention programs for individuals engaged in violent extremism: A scoping review and interviews,” *Health & Justice* 13:17
2024 **Daisy Muibu**, “Somalia's Stalled Offensive Against al-Shabaab: Taking Stock of Obstacles,” *CTC Sentinel* 17:02, 18-26
2023 Elena Savoia, Rachael Piltch-Loeb, **Daisy Muibu**, Amy Leffler, Diana Hughes & Alberto Montrond, “Reframing Human Trafficking Awareness Campaigns in the United States: Goals, Audience, and Content,” *Front. Public Health - Public Health Education and Promotion* 11
2023 **Daisy Muibu**, “Normative and Instrumental Judgments of Policing and Their Relative Impacts on Police Empowerment During Protracted Conflict,” *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict* 16:2, 123-147
2022 **Daisy Muibu**, “Police Officer Experiences with Community Policing and Views on Counterterrorism in Somalia,” *The Journal of the Middle East and Africa*, 13:4, 407-434
2022 **Daisy Muibu** & Ifeoluwa Olawole, “Does Representation Matter: Examining Officer Inclusion, Citizen Cooperation and Police Empowerment in a Divided Society,” *Conflict, Security & Development* 22:2, 191-220
2021 **Daisy Muibu**, “Police Militarization and Public Perceptions: Exploring Residents’ Attitudes in Kismaayo, Somalia,” *The Journal of the Middle East and Africa* 12:3, 255-282

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- 2021 **Daisy Muibu**, “Police Empowerment and Police Militarization in Times of Protracted Conflict: Examining Public Perceptions in Southern Somalia,” [*South African Journal of International Affairs*](#) 28:2, 233-261
- 2021 **Daisy Muibu** & Suat Cubukcu, “Assessing the Impact of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism on Public Perceptions Among Ethnic Minorities in Kenya,” [*Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism*](#) 18:1, 43-71
- 2019 Tricia Bacon & **Daisy Muibu**, “The Domestication of al-Shabaab,” [*The Journal of the Middle East and Africa*](#) 10:3, 1-27 *Media [Coverage](#)
- 2017 **Daisy Muibu** & Benjamin P. Nickels, “Foreign Technology or Local Expertise? Al-Shabaab’s IED Capability,” [*CTC Sentinel*](#) 10, no. 10: 33-36 *Media [Coverage](#)

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2019 Tricia Bacon & **Daisy Muibu**, “Al-Qaida and Al-Shabaab: A Resilient Alliance,” in [*War and Peace in Somalia: National Grievances, Local Conflict and Al-Shabaab*](#), eds. Michael Keating and Matt Waldman (London: Hurst Publishers) 351-363
- 2019 Tricia Bacon & **Daisy Muibu**, “Foreign Fighter Influence in Al-Shabaab - Limitations and Future Prospects,” in [*War and Peace in Somalia: National Grievances, Local Conflict and Al-Shabaab*](#), eds. Michael Keating and Matt Waldman (London: Hurst Publishers) 376-389

POLICY RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

- 2026 **Daisy Muibu** and Nicole Mazurova, “[Countering Terrorism Financing in East Africa](#),” *Africa Center for Strategic Studies*, August 06, 2026
- 2025 **Daisy Muibu**, “[Islamic State in Somalia: A Global Threat and Efforts to Counter the Militants](#),” *The Orion Policy Institute*, March 06, 2025
- 2024 **Daisy Muibu**, “[Operation Black Lion: Challenges That Lay Ahead of Somalia's Second Phase of the Offensive](#),” *The Soufan Center*, October 30, 2023
- 2022 **Daisy Muibu**, “[What drives Al-Shabaab in Somalia: foreign forces out, Sharia law in and overthrow the government](#),” *The Conversation*, October 11, 2022
- 2021 **Daisy Muibu**, “[IntelBrief: The Limitations of Security Force Assistance in Countering al-Qaeda in Africa](#),” *The Soufan Center*, August 02, 2021
- 2021 **Daisy Muibu**, “[Limitations of Security Sector Reform in Countering Al-Shabaab in Somalia](#),” *Orion Policy Institute*, July 28, 2021
- 2019 **Daisy Muibu**, “[Justice and Terror: Al-Shabaab’s Informal Justice Mechanism](#),” *Africa Security Lab*, January 05, 2019

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER-REVIEW

- Michael H. Becker, Daniel Gutierrez, Ethan Ferguson, Sarah M. Lynch, **Daisy Muibu** and Joseph K. Young, “The Hidden Costs of Security: Examining the Impacts of Exposure to Violent Material”
- Daisy Muibu**, Tricia Bacon, Joseph Young, Hannah Chesterton & Alex Clayton, “Foreign Fighters Impact on Violence in Civil Conflicts”

AWARDS

- 2018 American Society of Criminology, Division of International Criminology Student Paper Award (Runner Up)
- 2018 Association for the Study of The Middle East and Africa Conference Award Africa Category (Winner)

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RESEARCH GRANTS – Funded

- 2023 National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE) – a DHS Center of Excellence – DHS S&T/ICE - (\$350,000) **Co-PI (Extended into 2024)**
- 2023 National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE) – a DHS Center of Excellence - (\$148,532) **Co-PI**
- 2022 National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE) – a DHS Center of Excellence - (\$160,660) **Co-PI**
- 2021 Association for the Study of The Middle East and Africa (\$2,500) **PI**
- 2021 UA - Office for Research and Economic Development (ORED) research grant (\$12,000) **PI**
- 2021 UA - College Academy for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity (CARSCA) (\$5,200) **PI**
- 2020 Association for the Study of The Middle East and Africa (\$2,500) **PI**
- 2019 American University Doctoral Student Research Scholarship 2019-2020 (\$5,000) **PI**
- 2019 Association for the Study of The Middle East and Africa (\$2,500) **PI**
- 2018 Association for the Study of The Middle East and Africa (\$2,500) **PI**
- 2017 United Nations’ Initiative on Peace and Reconciliation in Somalia 2017 (\$8,000) **PI**
- 2016 Peace and Violence Research Lab (PVRL) Research Fellowship 2016-2017 (American University School of Public Affairs) (\$3,000) **Co-PI**

RESEARCH GRANTS – Not Funded

- 2023 U.S. Department of Homeland Security Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) – (\$697,646) **PI**
- 2023 National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE) – a DHS Center of Excellence – (\$150,000) **Co-PI**
- 2022 National Institute of Justice (\$518,486) **Co-PI**

WORKING PAPERS - Draft Available

Daisy Muibu, “Why Local Insurgent Groups Violently Reject Foreign Fighters They Once Welcomed: An Evaluation of al-Shabaab and the Armed Islamist Group.”

WORKING PAPERS - Data Collected & Drafting in Progress

Daisy Muibu, Nicole Mazurova and Joseph Young, “Moral Injury and Vicarious Trauma among Counterterrorism Practitioners”

Daisy Muibu, “Women in East Africa’s Private Security Sector”

Sarah M. Lynch, **Daisy Muibu** and Ethan Ferguson, “Direct and Indirect Exposure to Violence and Its Impact on Counterterrorism Practitioners: Descriptive Paper”

Daisy Muibu, “Justice Shopping in Somalia”

Daisy Muibu, “Police Self-Confidence During Conflict: Examining Officers Sense of Authority”

Daisy Muibu, ““Rogue” Actors and Discretion: Street-level bribery and its impact on obligations to obey police and public confidence in ruling government”

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ACSS ACADEMIC PROGRAMS *Faculty Lead denotes a graduate-level academic course I developed/co-developed and led/co-led

- 2026 “Operationalizing Unclassified Information Fusion for Counterterrorism in Coastal West Africa and The Sahel Workshop,” **ACSS**, Abuja, Nigeria – **FACULTY LEAD**
- 2026 “African Contemporary Security Challenges,” **ACSS**, Stuttgart, Germany
- 2026 “Civil-Military Responses to Terrorism,” **The International Training, Education, and Advising (ITEA)**, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2026 “Intelligence and Information Fusion Workshop: Enhancing National Coordination in East Africa,” **ACSS**, Nairobi, Kenya – **FACULTY LEAD**
- 2026 “Emerging Security Sector Leaders’ Seminar,” **ACSS**, Washington DC
- 2026 “Enhancing Counterterrorism Coordination in Coastal West Africa,” **ACSS**, Dakar, Senegal – **FACULTY LEAD**
- 2026 “Botswana National Security Strategy,” **ACSS**, Gaborone, Botswana
- 2025 “African Contemporary Security Challenges,” **ACSS**, Washington, DC
- 2025 “Defection, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration of Terrorists in Somalia,” **ACSS**, Virtual Roundtable – **FACULTY LEAD**
- 2025 “Aligning Resources with National Security Strategies in Africa,” **ACSS**, Rabat, Morocco
- 2025 “Combatting Illicit Trafficking and Terrorist Financing in Eastern Africa and the Great Lakes Region Expert Roundtable,” **ACSS**, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania – **FACULTY LEAD**
- 2025 “Emerging Security Sector Leaders’ Seminar,” **ACSS**, Washington DC – **FACULTY LEAD**
- 2025 “Preventing Violent Extremism in Coastal West Africa: Lessons Learned on the Role of Defense and Security Forces,” **ACSS**, Cotonou, Benin – **FACULTY LEAD**
- 2025 “Western Indian Ocean Maritime Security Seminar,” **ACSS**, Antananarivo, Madagascar – **FACULTY LEAD**
- 2025 “Senior Leaders Roundtable: Lessons Learned in Adapting Peace Operations to Violent Extremist Threats,” **ACSS**, New York
- 2024 “MSS: Yaoundé Code of Conduct Zones A & D Workshop,” **ACSS**, Luanda, Angola – **FACULTY LEAD**
- 2024 “Enhancing Forest Domain Awareness in Central Africa,” **ACSS**, Douala, Cameroon – **FACULTY LEAD**
- 2024 “Peace Operations Leadership: A Conversation with Former Force Commanders,” **ACSS**, Washington, DC
- 2024 “Violent Extremism in Africa: Driver,” **African Contemporary Security Challenges - ACSS**, Washington, DC
- 2024 “Emerging Security Sector Leaders’ Seminar,” **ACSS**, Washington, DC – **FACULTY LEAD**
- 2024 “Role of Collaborative Policing in Countering Violent Extremism,” **ACSS**, Nouakchott, Mauritania – **FACULTY LEAD**
- 2024 “Maritime Safety and Security Shared Challenges and Responses in The Indian Ocean,” **ACSS**, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania – **FACULTY LEAD**
- 2023 “Enhancing Security in the Red Sea Arena,” **Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) and the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies (GCMC)**, London, United Kingdom
- 2023 “Violent Extremism in Africa: Driver,” **African Contemporary Security Challenges - ACSS**, Washington, DC

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AND AMERICAN UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*denotes special topic course that I introduced to the department

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Graduate Course Taught

- 2022 Terrorism and Counterterrorism in Africa – Independent Study
- 2021 Policing During Conflict and War, University of Alabama*

Undergraduate Courses Taught

- 2020, 2021, and 2022 Global Criminology, University of Alabama
- 2020, 2021 Policing and Counter Terrorism from a Global Perspective, University of Alabama*
- 2019 Fundamentals of Law, American University
- 2019 Critical Issues in Justice, American University
- 2018 Cities and Crime, American University

SERVICE

Service to the Profession

- 2022-2024 Executive Board Member: ASC Division on Terrorism & Bias Crime (DTBC)
- 2022-2024 Committee Chair: ASC Division on Terrorism & Bias Crime (DTBC) Student Paper Award Committee
- 2022-2023 Committee Member: ASC Division of International Criminology Graduate Student Fellowship Award
- 2020-2021 Co-Editor, Special Volume for The Journal of the Middle East and Africa

Service to the Department

- 2023-Present Co-Lead of Countering Transnational Organized Crime Portfolio, ACSS
- 2023-Present Co-Lead of Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism Portfolio, ACSS
- 2023-2025 Co-Lead of Maritime Security and Safety Portfolio, ACSS
- 2021-2022 Faculty Search Committee, University of Alabama
- 2020-2021 Undergraduate Committee, University of Alabama

Student Research Supervision and Mentoring ACSS Associate

Graduate

- 2024-Present Nicole Mazurova, ACSS Associate
- 2024-2025 Yayedior Mbengue, ACSS Associate
- 2025 Bethany Leap, PhD Candidate (American University)
- 2023 – 2024 Michael Becker, Research Assistant NCITE grant (American University)
- 2023 – 2024 Sarah Lynch, Research Assistant NCITE grant (American University)
- 2022 Trinity Donnellan, Research Independent Study (The University of Alabama)

Undergraduate

- 2021 Lauren Ferrie, Research Experience (The University of Alabama)
- 2022-2024 Ethan Ferguson, Research Assistant NCITE grant (The University of Alabama)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Select Interviews

- 2022 Escalating al-Shabaab Threat and Somali Government's New Counter-Insurgency Approach, [Orion Talks](#) January 09, 2022
- 2019 Interviewed live by Dotun Adebayo on BBC Radio 5 Live, "Up All Night," about al-Shabaab attack in Mogadishu, Somalia, December 29, 2019

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2018 Daisy Muibu, on conflict prevention and reconciliation in Somalia, [UNSOM](#), February 28, 2018

INVITED TALKS

- 2026 “Terrorism and Instability in Somalia: Broader Implications for the Horn of Africa and U.S. Interests” **The Department of State National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC)**, Washington DC, USA
- 2026 “Terrorism and Instability in Sub-Saharan Africa: Broader implications for Africa and U.S. Interests” **The Department of State National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC)**, Washington DC, USA
- 2026 “Terrorism and Instability in Somalia: Broader Implications for the Horn of Africa and U.S. Interests,” **The National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC)**, Virtual Engagement
- 2026 “Public Confidence and Counterinsurgency in Hybrid Security Governance Contexts,” **Multilingualism, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution in Africa (MCCRA)**, virtual research workshop series
- 2025 “Terrorism in Africa: Context & East Africa,” **American University – School of Public Affairs**, Washington DC
- 2024 “Security and Stability: The Role of Youth in Preventing and Responding to Violent Extremism in Africa,” **ACSS**, Live Webinar
- 2024 “Dynamics in Somalia,” **US Air Force Special Operations School African Operations Course**, virtual
- 2023 “[Security Challenges in Africa: Coups, Terrorism, and External Interventions](#),” **Orion Policy Institute**, Live Webinar
- 2022 “Workshop on Women and al-Shabaab,” **Adam Smith International**, funded by the United Kingdom **FCDO**, virtual
- 2021 “Terrorism and Counterterrorism in Somalia,” [The Global Terrorism Trends and Analysis Center](#) (GTTAC) Speaker Series, Bethesda, MD
- 2021 “Police Officer Experiences with Community Policing and Counterterrorism in Somalia,” **UA CCJ Colloquium Series**, Tuscaloosa, AL
- 2018 “Colloquium on Peace and Reconciliation in Somalia,” **Federal Government of Somalia, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia and the Government of Norway**, Mogadishu, Somalia

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2026 “The Shifting Epicenter: Political Violence and Armed Groups in Africa,” **Global Summit on Terrorism and Political Violence, The Soufan Center**, New York, USA
- 2026 The Horn of Africa: Navigating Conflict, Instability, and Shifting Regional Orders, **The Horn Review**, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2026 “Intelligence Driven Operations,” **Africa Land Forces Summit, U.S. Army Southern European Task Force, Africa**, Italy, Rome
- 2024 “Strategic Competition and The Role of Middle Powers in Broader Strategic Competition in Africa” **U.S. Navy Security Cooperation Officers at the Maritime Security Cooperation and Attaché symposium**, Virtual
- 2024 “Global Jihadist Movement” Global Summit on Terrorism and Political Violence 2024, **Soufan Center**, New York
- 2024 “Defection, Disengagement, Rehabilitation and Reintegration Experiences of Women in Al-Shabaab” Women Peace & Security Conference **U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM J2)**, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2024 “Resiliency of The Counterterror Workforce,” **Office of the Director of National Intelligence**, Washington DC
- 2024 “Violent Extremism and Organized Crime in Africa,” **Chiefs and Directors of Military Intelligence Conference, U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM J2)**, Dar es Salaam Tanzania

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- 2024 “Organized Crime in Africa,” **Africa Land Forces Summit, U.S. Army Southern European Task Force, Africa Livingston**, Zambia
- 2024 “Trauma Among Counter-Terrorism Practitioners and Academic Researchers,” **American University**, Washington DC, USA
- 2024 “Shifting Landscapes - Mapping the Implications of Radicalism, and Terrorism on Global Security,” **Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS), S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) at the Nanyang Technological University**, Singapore
- 2023 “Civil-Military Engagement in Internal Conflicts,” **Silent Warrior 2023, Special Operations Command Africa**, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany
- 2023 “[Protecting the Protectors: NCITE Explores Trauma in Counterterrorism Work](#),” **NCITE**, Omaha, NE
- 2023 “[Africa & The Spectrum of Conflict](#),” **Global Security Forum**, Doha, Qatar
- 2023 “[Global Perspectives on the State of the Jihadist Threat](#),” **Global Security Forum**, Doha, Qatar
- 2023 “Blue Campaign Evaluation,” The DHS Protect Campus Symposium: Human Trafficking on College Campuses, **University of Arkansas Little Rock**, Little Rock, AR
- 2022 “Police Self-Confidence During Conflict: Examining Officers Sense of Authority,” **The American Society of Criminology**, Atlanta, GA
- 2022 “Police Confidence in Their Special Authority During Conflict: Examining Officers Sense of Authority,” **Association for the Study of The Middle East and Africa**, Washington, DC
- 2022 “Psychological-Behavioral Approaches to Prevent Terrorism and Facilitate Reintegration,” **McCain Institute Prevention Practitioner Network Fall Symposium: Tertiary Prevention**, Washington, DC
- 2022 “Vicarious Trauma in Counterterrorism Practitioners” **ENVISION Annual Conference DHS- National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE)**, Omaha, Nebraska
- 2022 “Foreign Fighters Impact on Violence in Civil Conflicts,” **American Political Science Association**, Montréal, Canada
- 2022 “Does Representation Matter?: Examining Officer Inclusion in a Divided Society,” **American Political Science Association**, Montréal, Canada
- 2021 “Gender and Private Security: Exploring the Experiences and Perceptions of Women in Kenya's Private Security Sector” **The American Society of Criminology**, Chicago IL
- 2021 “Representative Bureaucracy in a Divided Society: Examining Officer Inclusion, Citizen Cooperation and Police Empowerment” **The American Society of Criminology**, Chicago IL
- 2021 “Does Institutional Trust Moderate the Effect of Islamist Ideology on Sympathy to Jihadist Groups?” **The American Society of Criminology**, Chicago IL
- 2021 “Security Force Assistance at the Periphery: Examining Legitimacy and Public Cooperation with Regional Militarized Actors,” **Association for the Study of The Middle East and Africa**, Washington, DC
- 2021 “Police Empowerment and Police Militarization in Times of Protracted Conflict: Examining Public Perceptions in Southern Somalia - Protracted Conflict: Examining Public Perceptions in Southern Somalia,” **The South African Institute of International Affairs: SAIIA**
- 2020 “Exploring officer views on Community Policing for Counter Terrorism in Southern Somalia,” **Association for the Study of The Middle East and Africa**, Washington, DC
- 2020 “Police Legitimacy and Community Cooperation in times of Protracted Conflict,” ACCEPTED at **The American Society of Criminology**, Washington, DC
- 2020 “Normative and Instrumental Models of Policing and Their Relative Impacts on Police Empowerment during Protracted Conflict,” ACCEPTED at **The American Society of Criminology**, Washington, DC
- 2019 “Police Militarization and Community Cooperation in Times of Protracted Conflict: Examining Dimensions of Militarization in Kismayo, Somalia,” **Association for the Study of The Middle East and Africa**, Washington, DC.

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- 2019 “Paper Presented: Regional Variations in Terrorism and Public Perceptions: An Evaluation of Al-Shabaab’s Retaliatory Attacks in Kenya,” **The American Society of Criminology**, San Francisco, CA
- 2018 “Ethnicity, Procedural Injustice and Police Performance: Examining Public Trust and the Obligation to Obey in Kenya,” **The American Society of Criminology**, Atlanta, GA
- 2018 “Al-Shabaab’s Retaliatory Attacks and Public Perceptions of Police Response to Terrorism,” **The American Society of Criminology**, Atlanta, GA
- 2017 “Foreign Fighters in Somalia,” **ISSS-ISAC Annual Conference**, Washington, DC

FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS

Swahili: Native Speaker; **Kikuyu:** Native Speaker; **French:** Intermediate Level