

# Annette Alfina LaRocco

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

08/2016-present      **Assistant Professor in Political Science**  
Florida Atlantic University, USA

## EDUCATION

10/2012-06/2016      **PhD in Politics and International Studies**  
Trinity College, University of Cambridge, UK  
Thesis: *“The politics of land, conservation and the state in postcolonial Botswana”*  
Committee: Dr. Sharath Srinivasan (chair), Professor Christopher Clapham,  
Professor Jocelyn Alexander, Dr. Elizabeth Watson

10/2010-07/2011      **MSc in African Studies with Distinction**  
St. Anne’s College, University of Oxford, UK (Clarendon Scholar)  
Supervisor: Professor William Beinart, Grade: First Class, Distinction

09/2006-05/2010      **BA in Political Science and English, Summa cum Laude**  
Barnard College, Columbia University, USA  
Supervisor: Dr. Séverine Autesserre, GPA: 4.02, Phi Beta Kappa

## PUBLICATIONS

LaRocco, A. A. (forthcoming 2019). “The Biodiversity for Life (B4L) flagship initiative: The EU, Africa, and biodiversity conservation” in Thiel, M., Maier, S., and Beringer, S. L. eds.), EU Development Policies: Between Norms and Geopolitics. New York: Palgrave Macmillan

LaRocco, A. A. (2018). “Memory as claim-making in Kalahari socio-environments” in Lakhani, V. and de Smalen, E. (eds.), *Sites of Remembering: Landscapes, Lessons, Policies, RCC Perspectives: Transformations in Environment and Society*, no. 3, pp. 27-32.

LaRocco, A. (2016). “The comprehensive hunting ban: strengthening the state through participatory conservation in contemporary Botswana” in Ramutsindela, M., Miescher, G., and Boehi, M. (eds.), *The Politics of Nature and Science in Southern Africa*. Basel: Basler Afrika Bibliographien, pp 179-207.

Works Under Review      “Reflections on Positionalities in Social Science Fieldwork in Northern Botswana: A call for decolonizing research” co-authored with Jamie Shinn (West Virginia University), under review at *Politics and Gender*

“These Elephants Belong to the World: The Impact of the Global Conservation Movement on Conservation Policy in Botswana” under review at *Global Environmental Politics*

Book Manuscript in Progress      *The Nature of Politics: State-building and the Conservation Estate in Postcolonial Botswana*

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- Works in Progress      “Copenhagen in the Kalahari: The Securitization of Environmental Politics in Contemporary Botswana”
- “(Il)legibility, Infrastructure, and Tourism: A Comparative Study of Two Districts in Contemporary Botswana”
- “The hunting ban and the transformation of game meat cultures, economies, and ecologies in contemporary Botswana” in edited volume *Changing Meat Cultures*

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- 2018                      **ENHANCE ITN Workshop Funding**, Rachel Carson Center, (€1,500)
- 2018                      **ENHANCE ITN Conference Funding**, Rachel Carson Center. (€2,000)
- 2017                      **FAU Distinguished Lecture Series Faculty Research Award**. (\$1,000)
- 2017                      **Point Sud Conference Funding**, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft. (€4,500)
- 2016-2018              **FAU Morrow Research Fund Awards**. (\$1,200 annually)
- 2012-2016              **Cambridge International Trust Scholarship and Trinity College Overseas Bursary**, University of Cambridge. (Approximately £27,000 annually)  
Major Competitive Award: Full tuition, fees and maintenance.
- 2015                      **Cambridge Political Economy Society Trust**, University of Cambridge. (£2,000)
- 2014                      **Smuts Fund Research Grant**, University of Cambridge. (£1,500)
- 2014                      **University of Cambridge Conservation Research Institute, Institutional Visit Award**, University of Cambridge. (£1,500)
- 2014                      **Rouse Ball Conference Fund**, Trinity College. (£500)
- 2014                      **POLIS PhD Conference Grant**, University of Cambridge. (£500)
- 2014                      **UAC of Nigeria Travel Grant**, University of Cambridge. (£450)
- 2013                      **Walter D. Head Graduate Fellowship**, Rotary District 7490. (\$10,000)
- 2013                      **Graduate Fellowship**, Alumnae Association of Barnard College. (\$5,000)
- 2013                      **Rouse Ball Research Fund**, Trinity College. (£1,300)
- 2013                      **POLIS PhD Travel Grant**, University of Cambridge. (£500)
- 2011                      **African Studies Graduate Research Grant**, University of Oxford. (£500)
- 2011                      **Research Grant**, St. Anne’s College, University of Oxford. (£250)
- 2011                      **Distinction Prize**, St. Anne’s College, University of Oxford. (£100)
- 2010-2011              **Clarendon Fund Scholarship**, University of Oxford. (Approximately £33,000)  
Major Competitive Award: Full tuition, fees and maintenance.
- 2010                      **George Welwood Murray Prize**, Barnard College. (\$4,200), Major Award:  
Awarded to top graduating senior pursuing a graduate level degree in the Social Sciences.
- 2010                      **W. Cabell Greet Prize for Excellence in English**, Barnard College.
- 2010                      **Erica Mann Jong ’63 Writing Fellows Award**, Barnard College.
- 2009                      **Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society – Junior Election**, Columbia University Chapter, Barnard Section.
- 2009                      **Eleanor Thomas Elliot Prize**, Barnard College. (\$1,500), Major Award: Two prizes awarded to top juniors chosen by the Honors Committee from among the five most academically outstanding students in the class based upon overall academic record, integrity, and good citizenship in the College.

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## TEACHING

Florida Atlantic University	INR 2002-001 “Introduction to World Politics” CPO 4932-001 “Environmental Politics” CPO 4932-005 “African Politics” POS 6934-001 “African Politics” (Graduate)
University of Cambridge	Pol 9 & Pol 15 – African Politics, English for Academic Purposes

## SERVICE AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018-present	<b>Associate Director</b> , Leon Charney Diplomacy Program Florida Atlantic University
2018-present	<b>Member</b> , Faculty Learning Community on Advocating Across the Disciplines Florida Atlantic University
2017-present	<b>Member</b> , Honors Program Committee, Department of Political Science Florida Atlantic University
2017-present	<b>Faculty Affiliate</b> , Peace, Justice, and Human Rights Initiative Florida Atlantic University
2016-present	<b>Faculty Assembly Representative</b> , Department of Political Science Florida Atlantic University
2014-2016	<b>Convenor</b> , Centre of Governance and Human Rights Research Group POLIS, University of Cambridge
2014-2015	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Dr. Mette Eilstrup-Sangiovanni POLIS, University of Cambridge
2012-2016	<b>Associate Editor</b> , <i>Cambridge Review of International Affairs</i> POLIS, University of Cambridge
2012-2013	<b>Coordinator</b> , Centre of Governance and Human Rights Student Group POLIS, University of Cambridge
2011-2012	<b>Policy Researcher</b> , Center for American Progress Washington, D.C., USA
Summer 2009/2010	<b>Head Writing Fellow</b> , Higher Education Opportunity Program Barnard College, Columbia University
2007-2010	<b>Writing Fellow</b> , Erica Mann Jong '63 Writing Center Barnard College, Columbia University

## INVITED TALKS / WORKSHOPS

October 2018	<b>Turning a Doctoral Dissertation into a Book</b> , Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Munich, Germany “The Nature of Politics: State-Building and Conservation in Postcolonial Botswana”
February 2018	<b>Transatlantic Security Coordination in a New International Order</b> , Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, Florida International University “EU Securitization of Conservation Policy in Africa”  <b>Myrtle Beach Humanists and Freethinkers</b> , Myrtle Beach, SC “American Perceptions of African Wildlife”

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## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PAPERS

- June 2018                    **Political Ecology Network Biennial Conference, Oslo Metropolitan University**  
“The hunting ban and the transformation of game meat cultures, economies, and ecologies in contemporary Botswana”
- April 2018                    **Sites of Remembering: Landscapes – Lessons – Policies, ENHANCE ITN, Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, LMU Munich**  
“Memory as claim-making in Kalahari socio-environments”
- September 2017            **Decolonization and the Politics of Wildlife in Africa, Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Studies, South Africa, Point Sud Programme**  
“We’ve stopped this killing?: The Hunting Ban and Postcolonial Shifts in Botswana’s Wildlife Regime”
- July 2017                    **European Conference on African Studies, University of Basel**  
“State infrastructure provision across Botswana's rural tourism areas - a study in contradictions”
- May/June 2017            **Research Seminars, Okavango Research Institute and Department of Political and Administrative Studies, University of Botswana**  
“The Politics of Land, Conservation, and the State in Postcolonial Botswana: Doctoral Research Findings”
- December 2016            **African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.**  
“Shifting Global Representations of African Landscapes and Wildlife: The Case of Environmental Politics in Botswana”
- July 2015                    **European Conference on African Studies, Paris Sorbonne University**  
“The Politics of Nature: Conservation as State-Building in Postcolonial Botswana”
- March 2015                **Researching Africa Day, University of Oxford, UK**  
“Is there welfare in conservation? Locating everyday lives in a global movement”
- February 2015            **Africa Research Forum PhD Students’ Workshop, Centre for African Studies, University of Cambridge, UK**  
“Authority and rural space: Conservation as State-Building in Postcolonial Botswana”
- November 2014            **African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, USA**  
“The Comprehensive Hunting Ban: Conservation as State-Building in Postcolonial Botswana”
- September 2014           **ASAUK Biennial Conference, University of Sussex, UK**  
“Rural incorporation, neglect and contestation: An examination of the strategic use of conservation policy in postcolonial Botswana”

# Annette Alfina LaRocco

- August 2014      **Seminar Series, Department of Political and Administrative Studies, University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana**  
“Conservation Politics in Botswana: Presentation of Preliminary Research Findings”
- August 2014      **Research Seminar, Okavango Research Institute University of Botswana, Maun, Botswana**  
“Conservation Politics in Botswana: Presentation of Preliminary Research Findings”
- July 2014        **Resources of Resistance: The Postcolonial Studies Association Postgraduate Conference, University of York, UK**  
“The comprehensive hunting ban: conservation, resource-use, and contestation in postcolonial Botswana”
- June 2014        **POLIS Annual PhD Conference, University of Cambridge, UK**  
“Postcolonial conservation – crisis or opportunity?: resource rights, state-building and rural contestation in Botswana”
- May 2014        **The Politics of Nature and Science in African History Workshop, Centre for African Studies, University of Basel, Switzerland**  
“The comprehensive hunting ban: the reassertion of the State in the processes of ‘participatory’ conservation in contemporary Botswana”

## RESEARCH SKILLS

Qualitative Data Analysis (utilizing MaxQDA and NVivo); Fieldwork experience in rural settings; Focus groups; Elite Interviews; Archival Research; Management of team of research assistants.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

African Studies Association of the United States  
African Studies Association of the United Kingdom

## REFERENCES

Dr. Sharath Srinivasan, University of Cambridge, [ss919@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ss919@cam.ac.uk)

Professor Christopher Clapham, University of Cambridge, [csc34@cam.ac.uk](mailto:csc34@cam.ac.uk)

Professor Jocelyn Alexander, University of Oxford, [jocelyn.alexander@qeh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:jocelyn.alexander@qeh.ox.ac.uk)