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**EDUCATION**

<b>PhD: Public Policy and Administration</b> L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia, United States	<b>2021-present</b>
<b>Master of International Studies</b> School of Public and International Affairs, North Carolina State University, United States	<b>May 2021</b>
<b>Master of Science in Security Strategic and Development Studies (in absentia)</b> University of Sierra Leone, Freetown, Sierra Leone	<b>April 2021</b>
<b>Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honors in Peace and Conflict Studies</b> University of Sierra Leone, Freetown, Sierra Leone	<b>April 2013</b>

**ACADEMIC CAREER EXPERIENCE**

**Teaching/Research Assistant**

- L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University, United States **2021- present**
- School of Public and International Affairs, North Carolina State University, United States **2019-2021**

**Research Assistant (Summer internships)**

- Research Institute for Social Equity, Virginia Commonwealth University, United States **2022 & 2023**

**GUEST LECTURES**

- November 2023, “Climate change, disasters, and resilience” (PUAD 573/473 Economic and Community) Development, Department of Political Science, **James Maddison University, Virginia, United States**

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer reviewed publications

- Louis-Charles, **Kalokoh, A.**, Torres, J., & Jamieson, T. (2023). Emergency management and the final frontier: Preparing local communities for falling space debris. *Risk, Hazards & Crisis in Public Policy*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/rhc3.12266>
- Louis-Charles, H., Teron, L., Douglas-Glenn, N., & **Kalokoh, A.** (2023). Unmasking Disaster Disparities and Inequality in Local Emergency Management. In E. L. Harper-Anderson, J. S. Albanese, & S. T. Gooden (Eds.), *Racial equity, covid-19 pandemic, and public policy: The triple pandemic* (pp. 11-31). Taylor & Francis Group DOI: 10.4324/9781003286967-2
- Kalokoh, A.** & Kochtcheeva, L.V. (2022). Governing the artisanal gold mining sector in the Mano River Union: A comparative study of Liberia and Sierra Leone. *Journal of International Development*, 34(1), 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jid.3643>

### Non-peer reviewed publications

- Kalokoh, A.** (2017). *Poverty in the Mano River Basin: Examining the Security Threats*. Academic.edu
- Gbla, O., Braima, S., Bangura, S., & **Kalokoh, A.** (2013). *National corruption perception survey 2013. A report submitted to Anti-Corruption Commission of Sierra Leone*. Centre for Security and Development Analysis. [https://assessments.hpc.tools/attachments/beb8aae6-35b8-4702-bda0-388f6c304c25/national\\_corruption\\_survey\\_report\\_2013.docx](https://assessments.hpc.tools/attachments/beb8aae6-35b8-4702-bda0-388f6c304c25/national_corruption_survey_report_2013.docx)

## COURSES TAUGHT & ASSISTED

### Graduate Classes (Core)

- HSEP 620 Private Sector Issues in Emergency Management
- HSEP 601 Emergency Management

### Graduate Classes (Elective)

- HSEP 602 Emergency Plans and Incident Management (Online)

### Undergraduate Classes (Core)

- HSEP 490 Senior Seminar – Capstone (Online)
- PS 339 Politics of the World Economy (Face-to-face)

### Undergraduate Classes (Electives)

- PS 314 Science, Technology, and Public Policy (Face-to-face)
- AFS 342 Introduction to African Diaspora (Face-to-face)
- PS 398 Causes of War (Online)

- HSEP 310 Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (Face-to-face)
- HSEP 370 Disaster Response and Recovery (Face-to-face)

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Louis-Charles, H., **Kalokoh, A.**, & Brown, C. (2023, November). “Local emergency management funding and capacity building.” Association for Public Policy and Analysis and Management Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, United States
- Kalokoh, A.** (2023, October). “Sierra Leone at the Crossroads: The Quest for Democracy, Stability, and National Cohesion.” The All People’s Congress (APC) party, Comfort Inn, Springfield, Virginia, United States
- Kalokoh, A.** (2023, September). “Towards Effective Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Regime.” African Studies Research Forum, University of the District of Columbia, Washington DC, United States.
- Louis-Charles, H., **Kalokoh, A.**, Torres, M., & Jamieson, T. (2023, July). “Don’t look up: Local emergency management and falling space debris”. 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop, Broomfield, Colorado, United States
- Kalokoh, A.** (2023, June). “We vote with our feet: Voices and choices of underrepresented minority students’ scholars.” Social Equity Leadership Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, United States
- Kalokoh, A.** (2023, March). “Money laundering and terrorist financing risk: Examining democratic governance as a predictor”. American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference, United States [online]
- Kalokoh, A.** (2022, June). “Mandatory minimum sentencing in the United States: A social equity analysis of federal and Virginia drug offenders”. Social Equity Leadership Conference, United States [online]
- Kalokoh, A.** (2017, May). “A Civil society standpoint on the Kimberley Process”. Kimberley Process Certification Scheme Intersessional, Perth, Australia.

### SERVICES

#### Service to the University

##### Secretary

##### **Black Graduate Student Association**

- 2023/2024

Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia, United States

- Performs secretariat duties (office coordination, notetaking, scheduling meetings, preparing and managing office records, managing correspondence, providing assistance to subcommittees as needed)

##### Board Member

*Virginia Commonwealth University Career Services Student Advisory Board 2022 - date*

- Attends monthly meetings to discuss student challenges and needs for career preparation and success

- Engages VCS on student challenges and needs for career preparation and student success
- Suggests approaches to addressing student challenges and improving student experiences.
- Inform students about campus opportunities.

### **Council Member**

#### ***International Student Advisory Council: North Carolina State University 2019-2021***

- Attended council monthly meetings
- Advised the Office of International Services (OIS) on international student affairs
- Engaged international students on academic and welfare issues for OIS' attention
- Informed international students of opportunities available to them

### **Service to the Profession**

- Peer Reviewer: Risk, Hazards, and Crisis Public Policy
- Peer Reviewer: ASCE: Natural Hazards Review
- Student representative on faculty promotion review committee

### **Service to the Community**

#### **Technical Team Lead (Part-time volunteer)**

**2013 – 2019**

#### ***African Youth on Mining and Environment, Freetown, Sierra Leone***

- Coordinated two research projects on the impacts of child mining in both artisanal diamond and gold sectors in Sierra Leone.
- Trained enumerators on data collection and data processing
- Presented research findings at conferences, universities, and high schools.
- Presented as Guest of the Chair at the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme Intersessional, Perth, Australia (May 2017).
- Presented as Guest of the Chair at the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme Plenary meetings, Brisbane, Australia (December 2017).

#### **Health Promoter Manager (Full Time volunteer)**

**2014 – 2015**

#### ***Medicines sans Frontier (MSF) – Freetown, Sierra Leone***

- Identified stakeholders to support health information dissemination on Ebola Virus Disease.

- Supervised in close coordination with the Human Resource Department recruitment of community health workers (Community Health Officers- CHOs and Community Health Workers- CHWs)
- Trained and supervised teams of CHOs and CHWs on planning and project implementation
- Supervised malaria drug distribution to community health centers and individual beneficiaries across communities in Freetown, Sierra Leone.
- Collected and reported to MSF medical team information linked to the health situation on the field daily.
- Identified constraints of the health promotion strategy and reported to the team supervisor.
- Participated in the project implementation evaluation with the Human Resource Department

### **Co-founder and Coordinator**

**2015 – Present**

#### ***Franziska Agricultural Farmers' Association, Sierra Leone***

- Designed and coordinated project activities.
- Established about 30 acres project with cashew trees and cassava and 20 acres of yearly rice cultivation to promote food and environmental security at the community level.
- Mobilizes community effort to project implementation.
- Supports community schools for sustainable learning through school funding projects with a partner organization in Switzerland (Suyana Foundation)
- Coordinates fundraising

### **Chair, Finance Committee**

**2016 – 2019**

#### ***Seaside Community Development Organization, Freetown, Sierra Leone***

- Planned and implemented community-based projects (e.g., constructed police post, fishing business, and education scholarships)
- Managed community finances and businesses (fishing, bakery, and cleaning motorcycles)
- Coordinated project design and implementation (including the award of scholarships, water supply, regular community cleaning campaigns, and civic education)
- Spearheaded the community constitutional review process as Constitutional Review Chairman
- Lead campaigner for the construction of community police station to combat crime.

## **AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

### **Academic Honors and Membership**

- (2023) Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society
- (2023) Leigh E. Grosenick Scholarship (in honor of outstanding scholarly achievement)
- (2022) Leigh E. Grosenick Scholarship (in honor of outstanding scholarly achievement)
- (2022) The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (in honor of outstanding scholarly achievement)

### **Fellowship**

- William Averette Anderson Fund (Bill Anderson Fund) Fellow
- American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Founders' Fellow (2023)

## **TRAINING COMPLETED**

### **Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research**

**July 2023**

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research, United States

### **Leadership and Development**

**April 2020**

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, United States

### **Developing Cultural Competence (DCC) Certified**

**November  
2019**

The Global Training Initiative, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, United States

### **Regional and National Security Governance**

**February  
2016**

Office of National Security, Office of the President, Sierra Leone

### **Transnational Organized Crimes (Drugs Trafficking)**

**April 2018**

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Sierra Leone

- Advance training on drug trafficking intelligence collection and analysis for transnational organized crime
- Advance training on understanding and overcoming common drug transportation concealment techniques for transnational organized crimes.

- Advanced training on large scale drug trafficking investigation: Methods and procedures for transnational organized crime
- Advance training on maritime drug trafficking investigations and drug trafficking via aircraft for transnational organized crime
- Advance training on the new challenge of large-scale African drug trafficking for transnational organized crime.

## **GRANTS**

### **Awarded Grant**

- (February 2023). \$200: L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University | *ASPA Conference presentation*
- (March 2023). \$582: L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University | *SELC Conference presentation*
- (March 2023). \$300: Virginia Commonwealth University | *SELC conference presentation*

## **PRACTITIONER CAREER EXPERIENCE**

### **Security Analyst (Full Time)**

**2016 – 2019**

#### ***Office of National Security, Office of the President – Sierra Leone***

- Examined and analyzed national and international security and development issues, such as transnational organized crimes (trafficking, terrorism, etc.), elections, public order issues, economic crimes, and internal and sub-regional border control assessment.
- Developed security and development updates on threat issues
- Participated in inter-agency coordination and review exercises on national security
- Coordinated inter-agency operations (disaster response, monitoring, and assessments)
- Contributed to annual national threat assessment and threat mapping exercises
- Evaluated programs implemented by ministries, departments, agencies, and civil society.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

### **Professional Membership**

- American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)
- Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)

## **SKILLS**

### **Software**

- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) (Intermediate)
- SPSS (Intermediate)
- R (Beginner)
- Qualtrics (Beginner)
- NVivo (Beginner)