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MARK DAKU

current positions

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Texas Christian University, 2017–
Instructor, Max Bell School of Public Policy, McGill University, Policy and Data Science (PODS) Summer Workshop. 2018–

previous positions

Postdoctoral Fellow, Montreal Health Equity Research Consortium, Institute for Health & Social Policy, McGill University, 2015–2017
Supervisors: *Nicholas King & Daniel Weinstock.*

education

Ph.D, Political Science, McGill University, 2015.
Dissertation: *A Political Epidemiology of HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa.*
Committee: *Jody Heymann & Philip Ozhorn; Khalid Medani.*
M.A., Political Science, McGill University, 2008.
Hon. B.A. Political Science, High Distinction, University of Toronto, 2005.
Dip. Computer Programming, Humber College, 2000.

publications

Journal Articles

- Huang, Jonathan, Muhammad Farhan Majid & **Mark Daku**. 2019. “Estimating effects of Uber ride sharing service on road traffic mortality in South Africa: A quasi-experimental study.” *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health*. Published Online First: 11 January 2019. doi:10.1136/jech-2018-211006
- Daku, Mark**. 2018. “Ethics Beyond Ethics: The Need for Virtuous Researchers.” *BMC Medical Ethics*. 19 (Suppl 1):42. doi:10.1186/s12910-018-0281-6
- Soroka, Stuart, **Mark Daku**, Daniel Hiaeshutter-Rice, Joshua Pasek & Lauren Guggenheim. 2017. “Shifting Biases in Economic News, from Traditional to Social Media.” *Communication Research*. Published online Aug. 21, 2017.
- Daku, Mark** & Krzysztof Pelc. 2017. “Who Holds the Most Influence Over WTO Jurisprudence?” *International Journal of Economic Law*. doi:10.1093/jiel/jgx017.
- Moreau, Julie & **Mark Daku**. 2017. “Much ‘I do’ about nothing? The impact of South Africa’s Civil Union Act on media representations of marriage.” *Journal of African Media Studies*. 9(1), 145–61. doi:10.1386/jams.9.1.145_1

- Craft, Jonathan & **Mark Daku**. 2017. "A Comparative Assessment of Elite Policy Recruits in Canada." *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*. 19(3), 207–226. Published online: 20 Jun 2016.
- Nazif-Muñoz, José Ignacio & **Mark Daku**. 2016. "Are health systems in Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean reducing traffic fatalities?" *Traffic Injury Prevention* 17(S1): 178–181.
- Heymann, Jody, & **Mark Daku**. 2014. "A Simple Solution: Ensuring Equitable Access to Sick Leave." *Canadian Medical Association Journal* 186(13): 975–976.
- Daku, Mark**, Andrew Gibbs, & Jody Heymann. 2013. "Representations of MDR and XDR-TB in South African Newspapers." *Social Science & Medicine* 75(2): 410–418.
- Daku, Mark**, Amy Raub, & Jody Heymann. 2012. "Maternal Leave Policies and Vaccination Coverage: A Global Analysis." *Social Science & Medicine* 74(2): 120–124.

Book Chapters

- Marquis, Laurence & **Mark Daku**. Forthcoming. "Research Ethics" In *Key Concepts in Research Methods*, edited by Jean-Frédéric Morin, Christian Olsson, and Ece Ozlem Atikcan. Taylor & Francis: UK.
- Crandall, Erin, Kate Puddister, & **Mark Daku**. Forthcoming. "Covering the Court: Media Framing of Physician-Assisted Dying Litigation from Rodriguez to Carter" In *What's #Trending in Canadian Politics? Understanding Transformations in Power, Media, and the Public Sphere*, edited by Mireille Lalancette, Vincent Raynauld, and Erin Crandall. Under contract with UBC Press.
- Hengeveld, Maria & **Mark Daku**. 2015. "Education as Domination: Girls' experiences in desegregated White South African schools." In *Educating Adolescent Girls around the Globe: Challenges and Implications*, edited by Sandra L. Stacki & Supriya Baily. Routledge: New York.
- Daku, Mark**. 2013. "Political Leadership and HIV/AIDS in South Africa." In *Africa Rising: A Continent's Future through the Eyes of Emerging Scholars*, eds. Erica Shaw & Hayley Mackinnon. CIGI: Waterloo.

Software Released

- Daku, Mark**, Anthony Zheng, & Stuart Soroka. 2017. “[Predelex v1.0.](#)”
Free, multi-platform software for manipulating text for automated processing.
- Daku, Mark**, Stuart Soroka, & Lori Young. 2015. “[Lexicoder v3.0.](#)”
Free, multi-platform software for automated text analysis.

Online Publications

- Patterson, Amy S., & **Mark Daku**. “[On World AIDS Day, Why the Politics of AIDS is so Important.](#)” 2018. Monkey Cage Blog, The Washington Post.
- Daku, Mark**. 2016. “[Activists urge continuation of special investments in community, rights and gender.](#)” *Global Fund Observer*, no. 299.
- Oberth, Gemma & **Mark Daku**. 2016. “[Global Fund tops PEPFAR on engagement of key populations: Survey](#)” *Global Fund Observer*, no. 294.
- Daku, Mark** & Gemma Oberth. 2016. “[New report calls for a fully funded Global Fund to achieve results with key populations.](#)” *Global Fund Observer*, no. 292.
- Daku, Mark**. “[What the HIV/AIDS epidemic can tell us about how to fight Zika.](#)” 2016. Monkey Cage Blog, The Washington Post.
- Daku, Mark**. “[HIV/AIDS, Swaziland, and the Global Fund.](#)” 2012. Africa Portal (36).
- Daku, Mark**. “[Tuberculosis and Drug Resistant Tuberculosis in South Africa.](#)” 2011. Africa Portal (16).

Reports & Policy Briefs

- Universalia Management Group (**Contributor**). 2018. “[Evaluation of the 12+ Girls’ Health and Social Asset Building Programme: Final Report.](#)” Commissioned by DFID UK.
- Universalia Management Group (**Contributor**). 2016. “[Evaluation of the 12+ Girls’ Health and Social Asset Building Programme: Evaluation Year 1 Endline Report.](#)” Commissioned by DFID UK.
- Oberth, Gemma, Olive Mumba, Lubna Bayani, & **Mark Daku**. 2016. “[Donor Agendas, Community Priorities and the Democracy of International HIV/AIDS Funding.](#)” CSSR Working Paper No. 372, March 2016. Centre for Social Science Research, University of Cape Town.
- Universalia Management Group (**Contributor**). 2015. “[Evaluation of the 12+ Girls’ Health and Social Asset Building Programme: Evaluation Year 0 Results Report.](#)” Commissioned by DFID UK.

selected
consultancies

- Large-N Analysis, Inc. (**Contributor**). 2014. "Second External Evaluation of the Rental Support Cash Grant Applied to Return and Relocation Programs in Haiti." Commissioned by the IOM Haiti.
- Fouillard, Anne, Chantal Lewis, **Mark Daku**, & Khady Mgayé. 2014. "Evaluation of the Impact of Food for Assets on Livelihood Resilience in Senegal (2005–2010): A Mixed Method Impact Evaluation." Commissioned by the WFP Office of Evaluation.
- Daku, Mark**. 2013. "Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission Policies: Policy Recommendations." Prepared for Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada.
- Universalia Management Group (**Contributor**). 2013. "Development & Support for the Implementation of a School Improvement Strategy Aimed at Addressing the Underachievement of Boys in Jamaica."
- Universalia Management Group (**Contributor**). 2012. "Global Evaluation of the Application of the Human Rights-Based Approach to UNICEF Programming." Commissioned by UNICEF.
- Universalia Management Group (**Contributor**). 2012. "The World Bank 'Boys Out of Risk' Initiative." Commissioned by the World Bank.
- Evaluation of the UNHCR Fleet Management System. 2018. *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*. Interim Project Leader & Consultant.
- Determinants of Migrant Vulnerability Study. 2018. *International Organization for Migration*. Methodologist.
- Evaluation of the 12+ Girls' Health and Social Asset Programme. 2015–2018. *DFID UK / Government of Rwanda*. Methodologist.
- Second External Evaluation of the Rental Support Cash Grant Applied to Return and Relocation Programs in Haiti. 2014. *International Organization for Migration*. Methodologist.
- Development & Support for the Implementation of a School Improvement Strategy Aimed at Addressing the Underachievement of Boys in Jamaica. 2013. *The Commonwealth Secretariat*. Associate Consultant.
- Evaluation of the Impact of Food for Assets on Livelihood Resilience in Senegal (2005–2010). 2013. *World Food Program Office of Evaluation*. Methodologist.
- MOPAN Analysis. 2011–2012. *Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN)*. Analyst.
- Boys Out Of Risk Survey. 2011–2012. *The World Bank*. Associate Consultant.
- Global Evaluation of the Application of a Human Rights Based Approach in UNICEF Programming Services. 2011. *United Nations Children's Fund*. Associate Analyst.

selected
fellowships,
awards,
& grants

The Monkey Cage APSA Pre-conference Workshop & Travel Grant (\$1,500),
The Washington Post / New Venture Fund for Communications, 2018
Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics (\$2,000),
Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics, Iowa State Uni-
versity, 2018 (with Meredith Conroy)
Visiting Researcher, MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, Uni-
versity of Glasgow, 2016.
Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$60,000 per year), Montreal Health Equity Research
Consortium, Institute for Health & Social Policy, McGill University,
2015–2017
Dissertation Writing Workshop Grant (\$6,000), McGill University, 2013.
Canadian International Development Agency Fellowship (\$2,000), Institute
for the Study of International Development, 2013.
FQRSC Doctoral Award (\$20,000 per year), Le Fonds de recherche du Québec,
2010–2013.
Africa Initiative Graduate Research Grant (\$10,000), Centre for International
Governance Innovation, 2010.
Visiting Researcher, Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division,
University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, 2009.
Doctoral Fellow, Institute for Health and Social Policy, 2008–2012.

invited
presentations

“The Politics of Health in South Africa.” 2016. Invited presentation at
Bishop’s University, Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, October 26th, 2016.
“Girls’ empowerment in Rwanda.” 2016. Invited panelist at ‘Secure Income,
Secure Health: Working Towards Equitable Solutions.’ Dalla Lana
School of Public Health 9th Annual Student-Led Conference, Univer-
sity of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, October 21-22, 2016.
“A (more) political epidemiology.” 2016. Invited participant at the Social De-
terminants of Health Workshop. Schar School of Policy & Government,
George Mason University, Arlington, VA, September 15, 2016.
“Working in a Developing Context.” 2015. Invited presentation at King’s UC,
Western University, London, Canada.
“Who Does Africa Belong To?” 2014. Invited panelist at the Africa: Next
Generation 2014 Convention, Montreal, Canada.
“Computer Assisted Content Analysis: Basic Tools and Techniques.” 2011.
Invited presentation at Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada.
“The African HIV/AIDS Epidemic.” 2010. Invited presentation at Champlain
College, Montreal, Canada.

selected
presentations
since 2010

- “Author Meets Critic: Doomed Interventions by Kim Yi Dionne.” 2018. African Studies Association. Atlanta, Georgia, Nov. 20, 2018. Chair.
- “Assessing the Impact of the 12+ Programme on Adolescent Girls’ Health Outcomes in Rwanda.” 2018. African Studies Association. Atlanta, Georgia, Nov. 28, 2018.
- “AddRan Research Spotlight.” 2017. Texas Christian University, November 3rd, 2017.
- “The impact of Uber’s Introduction on Drunk Driving in South Africa.” International Conference on Public Policy, Singapore, Jun. 28-30, 2017. With Jonathan Huang.
- “Drinking and Driving in South Africa: Notes from the field.” 2016. Paper presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
- “Ethical Challenges and Issues in Global Health Research.” 2016. Vignette Presentation at the Ethical Challenges & Issues in Global Health Research Conference, The Global Health and Ethics and Integrity Strategic Groupings of the QPHRN, McGill University.
- “Shifting Biases in Economic News, from Traditional to Social Media.” 2016. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 2, 2016. With Stuart Soroka, Daniel Hiaeshutter-Rice, Joshua Pasek & Lauren Guggenheim.
- “Drinking and Driving in South Africa: Notes from the field.” 2016. Brown Bag Field Notes Seminar Series, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University.
- “Elite Demands in Uganda: Museveni and Media Discourse around HIV/AIDS.” 2015. Paper presented at the Africa Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, California.
- “Who Holds the Most Influence Over WTO Jurisprudence?” 2015. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California. With Krzysztof Pelc.
- “‘The ISIS of Biological Agents:’ Media Coverage of Ebola and Political Responses.” 2015. Paper presented at the International Conference on Public Policy, Milan, Italy. With Kim Yi Dionne.
- “The value of evidence: Investigating the use of empirical evidence in health and social equity-promoting policies in a variety of contexts.” 2015. Paper presented at the International Conference on Public Policy, Milan, Italy. With Zinzi Bailey, Jon Huang, and Sabina Sloman.

- “Media Coverage of Sick Leave Policies in US Newspapers.” 2015. Paper presented at the International Conference on Public Policy, Milan, Italy.
- “Political Epidemiology.” 2015. Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- “Much ‘I do’ about nothing? The impact of South Africa’s Civil Union Act on media representations of marriage.” 2015. Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada. With Julie Moreau.
- “Exploring the Political Determinants of HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa.” 2014. Social Statistics and Population Dynamics Seminar Speaker Series, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.
- “Risk Behaviours of Boda-Boda (Motorcycle Taxi) Drivers in Kampala, Uganda.” 2013. Paper presented at the Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Victoria, Canada.
- “Representations of MDR and XDR-TB in South African Newspapers.” 2011. Paper presented at the 1st International HIV Social Science and Humanities Conference, Durban, South Africa. With Andrew Gibbs and Jody Heymann.
- “Adult Labour Policies in Canada: How do we measure up?” 2010. Paper presented at the Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada. With Jody Heymann.
- “Civil Society & HIV Policy: The Case of Brazil.” 2010. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- “Parental Leave and Childhood Development: A Global Assessment.” 2010. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago.

teaching &
supervision

Workshops Led

Policy and Data Science (PODS) Workshop. June 2018. *Max Bell School of Public Policy, McGill University*. One month intensive bootcamp designed to bring recent humanities & social science graduates from novices to capable data scientists.

Undergraduate Courses - Texas Christian University

POSC 20093. 2019 (Spring). Scope and Methods of Political Science

POSC 39003. 2018 (Fall). Topics in Political Science Methods: Introduction to Data Science Using R

CRES 30003 / POSC 35003. 2018 (Fall). Interdisciplinary Inquiry

- INTL 30341. 2018 (Spring/Summer). Global Academy 1 - Exploration (Study Abroad South Africa, with Sandra Callaghan & Joanne Greene)
- POSC 35003. 2018 (Spring). Topics in Comparative Politics: Introduction to African Politics
- POSC 39003. 2018 (Spring). Topics in Political Science Methods: Introduction to Data Science Using R
- POSC 32003. 2018 (Spring). Topics in Political Theory: Lies, Damned Lies, and Statistics
- POSC 20503. 2017 (Fall). Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POSC 39003. 2017 (Fall). Topics in Political Science Methods: Computer Science for Social Scientists

Undergraduate Courses - McGill University

- INTD 397. 2015 (Winter). Monitoring & Evaluation for Development: Theory and Practice (with Monica Treviño).
- POLI 324. 2014 (Summer) Introduction to Developing Areas: African Politics.
- POLI 324. 2013 (Summer) Introduction to Developing Areas: African Politics.

Teaching Assistantships

- Liberal Political Theory, 2008.
- Introduction to Political Theory: The Moral Basis of Politics, 2007.
- History of Western Political Thought: The City in Speech and Deed, 2007.
- Modern Political Thought, 2006.

Recent Academic Supervision

- Lauren Gillman, Undergraduate Thesis, Supervisor, TCU, 2018–
- Abby Kingsley, Undergraduate Thesis, Committee Member, TCU, 2018–
- Intern Supervisor, Aliya Allen-Valley, “Media Coverage of Zika Virus in Comparative Perspective.” Institute for Health and Social Policy, McGill University, 2016.
- Intern Supervisor, Alexandra Kanters, “A Gendered History of the Road.” Institute for Health and Social Policy, McGill University, 2016.
- Intern Supervisor, Molly Mayer, “#WelcomeRefugees: The Canadian Government’s Online Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis.” Institute for Health and Social Policy, McGill University, 2016.
- Intern Co-Supervisor, Tianyu Zhang, “How Evidence Leads to Policy: A Survey of North American Health Researchers.” Institute for Health and Social Policy, McGill University, 2015.

additional
training

- “Presenting Data & Information,” Instructor: Edward Tufte. Dallas, Texas, Feb. 2, 2018
- “New Advisor Training,” The Koehler Center for Instruction, Innovation & Engagement, September 21, 2017.
- “TCU Online: Managing Your Course,” The Koehler Center for Instruction, Innovation & Engagement, August 10, 2017.
- “Research Design for Causal Inference.” Instructor: Bernard Black, Northwestern University, 2015.
- “Concepts and Measurement in Case-Based Research.” Instructor: Robert Adcock, Workshops on Social Science Research, Concordia University, 2015.
- “Concept and application of multilevel statistical methods to health, social science and geographical research.” Instructor: S V Subramanian, Quebec Inter-University Centre for Social Statistics, 2014.
- “Evaluation Research.” Instructors: Johann Mouton & Lauren Wildschut, African Doctoral Academy Summer School in Research Methods, Stellenbosch University, 2013.
- Certificat d’études (Français), Cégep de Rivière-du-Loup, Québec, 2011.

recent
professional
service

- Organizer, “Beyond the Social Determinants of Health” Workshop, McGill University, Sept. 13-15, 2017
- Faculty Mentor, Beyond Borders Faculty, Texas Christian University, 2017
- IT Committee, Western Political Science Association, 2017
- Faculty Advisor, Young Democratic Leaders, Texas Christian University, 2017
- Discussant, “Improving the Health of African Citizens: Policy & Politics, African Studies Association, San Diego, CA, 2015.
- Mentor, Research to Policy “Dragon’s Den,” Institute for Health & Social Policy, 2015.
- Judge, Social Entrepreneurship Case Competition, SLASummit, 2015.

anonymous
peer
reviewer

- BMC Public Health, Nov. 2018
- Political Research Quarterly, Jan. 2017, Oct. 2017, May 2018, July 2018.
- Politics, Groups, and Identities, April 2018.
- Health Economics, Policy and Law, Aug. 2017.
- Social Science & Medicine, Oct. 2012, Sep. 2017.
- International Journal of Communication, Sep. 2016, Feb. 2017.
- Canadian Journal of Political Science, May 2015.

language
proficiency

French: Intermediate