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### **CURRENT APPOINTMENT**

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**Northeastern Illinois University**, Chicago, Illinois  
Assistant Professor of Political Science

### **EDUCATION**

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**Washington University in St. Louis**, St. Louis, Missouri

Ph.D. in Political Science, August 2007

Dissertation: *Pillars of State Strength in Africa: Party Systems and Interbranch Relations*

Committee: Itai Sened (chair), Andrew Sobel, Robert Walker

A.M. in Political Science, May 2004

**University of South Carolina**, Columbia, South Carolina

B.A. in International Studies, June 1997

### **PUBLICATIONS**

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Marshall Weldon Thompson. 2009. "Parties, Presidents, and State Consolidation: Cross-National Evidence with Illustrations from Kenya." *African and Asian Studies* 8(4): 345-374.

Marshall Thompson. 2009. "Research, Identities, and Praxis: The Tensions of Integrating Identity into the Field Experience." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 42(April):325-328.

Marshall Thompson. 2006. "Advocating Stronger Legislatures as a Precursor to Stronger States in Africa." *The OSSREA Bulletin* 3(3): 16-24.

### **UNDER REVIEW**

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Itai Sened, Marshall Thompson, and Robert Walker. "The State, Property Rights and the Role of the Middle Class: A Fresh Start." Under review at the *Journal of Institutional Economics*.

Itai Sened, Marshall Thompson, Robert Walker, and Ron Watson. "The Middle Class: A New Conceptual Framework and a brief application to the Caucasus." Under review at the *Journal of Globalization and the Caucasus*.

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND INVITED TALKS**

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“Research, Identities, and Praxis.” Invited talk at the 2009 annual research symposium of the Center for New Institutional Social Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis, Nov. 4, 2009.

“Parties, Presidents, and State Consolidation.” Invited talk at the Center for New Institutional Social Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis, March 5, 2009.

Roundtable: Sex, Gender, and Field Research: Tales and Advice. Panelist at the 2008 annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association.

“Partisanship, Patronage, and State Building: Evidence from Kenya.” Presented at the 2007 Yale Bouchet Conference on Diversity in Graduate Education, New Haven, CT.

“Regime-Type and State Consolidation in sub-Saharan Africa.” Presented at the 2006 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Regime-Type and State Consolidation.” Presented at the 2005 annual meeting of the African Studies Association, Washington, DC.

“Bureaucratic (In)efficiency in sub-Saharan Africa.” Invited talk at Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO, 2004.

## **RESEARCH FUNDING**

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Committee on Organized Research, Northeastern Illinois University, 2009-2010.

Center for New Institutional Social Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis, Spring 2006.

International and Area Studies Program, Washington University in St. Louis, Summer 2005.

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis, Summer 2004.

## **FIELDWORK**

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South Africa, June 2010. Archival and interview work on natural resources and property rights.

Ethiopia and Kenya, 2006: Performed archival work on the activity of the national legislatures and their committees (three months).

Ethiopia, 2005: Interviewed government bureaucrats and civil society figures (two months).

Kenya, 2004: Interviewed members of the business community (two months).

## **TEACHING**

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Undergraduate:

- Comparative Political Systems (writing intensive and non)
- Democracy, Responsiveness, and Accountability
- International Political Economy
- Introduction to Political Science
- Politics of sub-Saharan Africa

Graduate:

- Comparative Democratic Institutions
- Politics of sub-Saharan Africa

## **SERVICE**

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Department:

- Assessment co-coordinator, 2008-2010
- Master's examination committees: Milana Burbrinkova, 2009 (chair); Ronald Hale, 2010 (chair); Philip Roy, 2010
- Honor's thesis advising: Romuald Lenou Tassingé, 2009-2010 (chair)
- Fourteen peer evaluations, 2007-2010
- Faculty roundtable for graduate orientation, 2008
- Library liaison, 2007-2010

College of Arts and Sciences:

- Academic Affairs Committee, 2008-2009

University:

- General Education Task Force, 2010
- Assistant to the NEIU faculty advisor, National Model United Nations, 2010
- Search and Screen Committee, College of Business and Management, position of Dean, 2008-2009
- African Summer Institute for Teachers 2009, 2010
- African & African-American Studies Committee and sub-Committee for overseas collaboration, 2009

Academia writ large:

- Member, Chancellor's Fellowship selection committee, 2006-2007.
- Graduate Student Peer Mentor, Department of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, 2006-2007.

- Panelist for Washington University Libraries' *National Council* meeting, 2005.
- Discussion section leader, *Target Hope* graduate student recruitment workshop, Washington University in St. Louis, 2003.

## **FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, and INTERNSHIPS**

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Chancellor's Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis, 2002-2007.

Danforth Scholarship, Washington University in St. Louis, 2002-2005.

Ceny Walker Fellowship, Walker Institute of International Studies, University of South Carolina, 1995-1997.

South Carolina Governor's Office, working for Don Hottel, Spring 1996.

Connecticut Legislature, working for Deputy Majority Leader Rep. Bob Godfrey, Spring 1995.

## **PRIOR EMPLOYMENT**

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Raymond James and Associates, St. Petersburg, FL. Over-the-counter securities trader, July 2000 – July 2002.

First American Equities, Inc. Clearwater, FL. Financial and operations principal, options principal, 1997 – 1999.

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