

## **CYNTHIA HOWSON**

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### **EDUCATION**

**PhD (2011)** **Development Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies**, London, UK.  
Advisor: Dr. Carlos Oya.  
Thesis: "Trafficking in daily necessities: Female cross-border traders in Senegal"

**MA (2005)** **Sciences Po Bordeaux** (Institute of Political Studies, Bordeaux)  
Political Science and Development in Africa and Countries of the South  
Specialization: Governance of Institutions and Organizations  
Honorable Mention, Class rank: 2<sup>nd</sup>

**BA (1999)** Western Washington University, History (Focus: African and Soviet History)

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**University of Washington-Tacoma**, Lecturer, Politics, Philosophy and Economics, 2011-

**University of Wisconsin-Green Bay**, Instructor, Gender and Law, 2010-2011

**School of Oriental & African Studies**, Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2009-2010

**University of Puget Sound**, Visiting Instructor, 2008-2009, Spring 2013

**Williams College**, Research Associate, 2007 – 2008

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Political Economy of Development, Gender and Corruption, Globalization and Governance,  
Rural Labor Participation, Social Networks

### **TEACHING INTERESTS**

Political Economy of Development, Gender and Development, Law and Society, Gender and  
Law, Globalization and Governance, Public Policy in Africa

### **SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Refereed Journal Articles**

2013 "Donors, women's organizations and smuggling: Adverse incorporation and  
microfinance among women cross-border traders in Senegal." *World Development*, Vol.  
42, pp. 199-208.

2012 "Women smuggling and the men who help them: Gender, corruption and illicit networks  
in Senegal." *Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol. 50, No. 3, pp. 422-445.

### **Book Chapter**

- 2011 "Feminist Contributions to IPE." In Balaam, D. & B. Dillman (Eds.). Introduction to International Political Economy, 5th edition (pp. 118-125). New York: Pearson Longman.

### **Policy Analysis**

- 2005 "L'intégration du Genre dans les Politiques Publiques de la Banque Mondiale : Exemple des Politiques de Transport au Sénégal." MA Thesis published online by Genre en Action (for practitioners). Available at:  
[http://www.genreenaction.net/IMG/pdf/memoire\\_final.pdf](http://www.genreenaction.net/IMG/pdf/memoire_final.pdf).

### **Invited Blog Posts**

- 2013 3-part series on wine in China for the Wine Economist (with Pierre Ly and Jeff Begun), available at <http://wineeconomist.com/2013/09/24/china2/>
- 2013 "How globalization has changed value chains - Case study: South African wines," available at: <http://www.academicwino.com/2013/07/global-value-chains-south-africa.html/>

### **Works in Progress (for journal submission)**

"Farmers, wineries and land rights: securing contracts in rural China"

"Informal economic governance and the regulation of smuggling in Senegal"

"Trafficking in daily necessities: Research methods among hard to reach populations"

### **Externally Funded Research Presentations**

- 2011 "Cultural competency and community resources in serving Somali refugees" (with Ashley Damp), Green Bay, WI, June 24.  
Study and presentation commissioned by Forward Service Corporation  
Available online (second hour) at: <http://video.nwtc.edu/sod/samoliCulture.wmv>
- 2010 "Women smuggling and the men who help them: Gender, corruption and illicit networks in Senegal," Basel, Switzerland, September 9.  
Funded by the European Science Foundation via ABORNE (African Borderlands Research Network)

### **Conferences and Research Presentations**

- 2013 "Local governments and industrial upgrading in China's wine industry," Pacific Northwest Political Science Association Meetings, Vancouver, BC, October 18 (with Pierre Ly and Jeff Begun)
- 2013 "Understanding cross-border trade: Gender and the moral economy of smuggling in West Africa." PPE/Urban Studies Lecture Series Presentation.

- 2012 “Informal economic governance and the regulation of smuggling in Senegal,” African Studies Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 29.
- 2012 “The moral economy of women’s smuggling in Senegal,” Centre for African Studies, Edinburgh, UK, June 7.
- 2012 “Donors, women’s organizations and smuggling: Adverse incorporation and microfinance among cross-border traders in Senegal,” University of Washington African Studies Graduate Colloquium, April 13.
- 2011 “Women smuggling and the men who help them: Gender, corruption and illicit networks in Senegal,” Law and Development Institute Conference, Seattle, WA, December 10.
- 2010 “Women smuggling and the men who help them: Gender, corruption and illicit networks in Senegal,” African Studies Association Meetings, San Francisco, CA, November 18.
- 2009 “Survival and accumulation by cross-border traders: Empirical results from Senegal,” University of Washington African Studies Graduate Colloquium, May 1.
- 2009 “Market women and a feminist critique of IPE,” University of Puget Sound, IPE Brown Bag, February 25.
- 2008 “Rules are made to be bent: Women, sugar and trafficking in Senegal,” University of Puget Sound, IPE Brown Bag, November 23.
- 2008 “Trafficking in daily necessities: Research methods among hard to reach populations,” School of Oriental and African Studies, Research Presentation, April 27, 2008

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **2011-2013 University of Washington-Tacoma**

Introduction to Globalization  
 Introduction to Political Economy  
 Seminar in IAS – “Democracy in Action”  
 Poverty in Developing Countries  
 Women in the Global Economy  
 Gender and Development (new course)  
 Gender & Law (new course)

### **2010-2011 University of Wisconsin-Green Bay (Social Change and Development)**

Introduction to Sustainable Development  
 Law & Society (major elective in SCD and Political Science)  
 Gender & Law (cross-listed in Women’s and Gender Studies)  
 Social Change and Development in an Area - Africa

### **2009-2010 School of Oriental and African Studies**

Political Economy of Development (Graduate Teaching Assistant, MSc Development Studies, 5 sections)

**2008-2009 University of Puget Sound** (New courses)

IPE of African Development (cross-listed in Global Development Studies)

IPE of Gender in Africa (Global Development /Gender Studies), also taught Spring 2013.

**FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE**

China (Summer 2013): Conducted a survey of actors involved in the emerging Chinese wine industry, including experts, winery employees and farmers (with co-authors Pierre Ly and Jeff Begun)

Senegal (Spring 2008): Using qualitative research methods, conducted an informal survey of transporters, lenders, customs officers and politicians associated with cross-border trade in Senegal.

Senegal (2006 – 2007): Personally conducted in-depth survey of 101 female cross-border traders and their households (nearly 700 people) in the Nioro du Rip and Kaffrine departments of Senegal.

**SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

**Service Activities, University of Washington – Tacoma**

Lecturer-at-Large, Faculty Council (2013-2014)

Chair, Curriculum Committee (2013-2014)

Search Committee, IAS, Global Media Studies (2012-2013)

Moderator, Faculty Advisor, IAS Community Engagement Forum - Ballot Issues Forum, (October 17, 2012). Faculty Advisor only (October, 2013).

Event Organizer/Moderator, IAS Community Engagement Forum - What is the Occupy Wall Street Movement and Where is it Going? (October 17, 2011).

Organizer, Brown Bag Lecture Series (Politics, Philosophy and Economics) (Fall, 2011)

**Service Activities, External**

Referee for the journals, *World Development* and *Women's Studies International Forum*

Forward Service Corporation (Spring 2011), Green Bay, WI

Conducted interviews, focus groups and surveys, including and on behalf of Somali refugees and public employees who serve them

IFRTD (Institute for Rural Transport and Development), London UK, Volunteer, 2005-2006

Organized library of research on sustainable transport, provided administration and active participation in the network of experts and practitioners in the field.

Genre en Action, Activist, Researcher, 2004-2005

Co-organized International Women's Day event at Sciences Po Bordeaux

Co-organized conference on Gender and Development

The Gambia YMCAs, Intern, 2002-2003

Full-time teaching in the post-high school vocational program. Regularly provided professional training for the International Trypanotolerance Centre (for example, training West African representatives of veterinary medicine in a workshop in French) and to laboratory researchers for the Medical Research Council.

**Organizational Memberships**

African Studies Association

HI-Norm Human Interactions and Normative Innovations (University of Washington)

Labour, Movement and Development research cluster (SOAS)

ABORNE - African Borderlands Research Network

GATNET - Gender and Transport Community of Practice DGroup

## REFERENCES

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