

# Thomas O'Mealia

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	<i>Substantive:</i> Political violence, security institutions, state building, human rights <i>Regional:</i> sub-Saharan Africa	
EDUCATION	<b>University of Michigan</b> , Ann Arbor, MI Ph.D., Political Science, <i>In Progress</i> Certificate in African Studies ( <i>Expected</i> 2018)  <b>University of Michigan</b> , Ann Arbor, MI B.A., Political Science and English, Minor in History, May 2014 University Distinction Highest Honors in Political Science	
PEER-REVIEW PUBLICATIONS	Hassan, Mai and <b>Thomas O'Mealia</b> . "Uneven Accountability in the Wake of Political Violence: Evidence from Kenya's Ashes and Archives." <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> . Accepted for publication.	
WORKING PAPERS	"Burning it Down: The Use of Scorched Earth in Civil Conflict" with Jessica Sun. Working Paper, revision in progress.	
BOOK REVIEWS	Review of <i>Dictators and their Secret Police: Coercive Institutions and State Violence</i> by Sheena Chestnut Greitens. <i>Governance</i> , Vol. 40, Issue 4. October 2017, p. 730-732. (with Mai Hassan)	
HONORS AND AWARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delegate to the Nam Center-SNU Exchange, Seoul, South Korea, 2016</li><li>• Highest Honors in Political Science, University of Michigan, 2014<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thesis: "In the Service of Which Master? Civil-Military Relations and Regime Collapse in the Arab Spring." Advisor: Allan Stam</li></ul></li><li>• Distinction, University of Michigan, 2014</li><li>• James B. Angell Scholar, University of Michigan, 2012, 2013</li></ul>	
GRANTS	International Institute Individual Fellowship, University of Michigan, \$4500 Field Research in DRC, Summer 2017  South African Initiative Office Grant, University of Michigan, \$2500 Field Research in DRC, Summer 2017  Rackham Predoctoral Research Grant, University of Michigan, \$1500 Field Research in DRC, Summer 2017	

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** **O’Mealia, Thomas** and Jessica Sun. “Burning it Down: The Use of Scorched Earth in Civil Conflict”
 

- International Studies Association, Baltimore, Md., 2017
- American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pa., 2016
- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Il., 2016

Hassan, Mai and **Thomas O’Mealia**. “Uneven Accountability in the Political Violence: Evidence from Kenya’s Ashes and Archives”
 

- Peace Science Society, South Bend, In. 2016
- American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pa., 2016

**DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION** CPRD Peace & Conflict Workshop, University of Michigan (2015-current)
 

- Co-coordinator, 2016-2017

 African Politics Reading Group, University of Michigan (2015-current)  
 Ford School Security Seminar, University of Michigan (2015-current)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE** **Introduction to World Politics**  
 Graduate Student Instructor. Course Head: James Morrow, Fall 2017
 

- Administrative Coordinator

 Graduate Student Instructor. Course Head: James Morrow, Fall 2016

**Undergraduate Research Opportunity Project**  
 Co-mentor (with Jessica Sun) of two students, 2016-2017

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS** African Studies Association  
 American Political Science Association  
 International Studies Association  
 Peace Science Society–International  
 Midwest Political Science Association

**FIELD WORK** Democratic Republic of Congo  
 Kenya

**SKILLS** *Technical:* R, GIS (in R, QGIS, and ArcGIS), Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X  
*Language:* French (intermediate)