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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, Stanford University (2013)
 B.A., Biology, Appalachian State University (2005)

Teaching/Research

Amanda Robinson is an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at The Ohio State University. Her research interests are primarily in the field of comparative politics, and focus on the ways in which politics and culture are interrelated. Her current research evaluates the political causes and consequences of identity change in two very different contexts. The first focuses on the political logic of an ongoing cultural revival among the Lhomwe of southern Malawi, and the other on racial identity formation and its political implications among Somali immigrants to the United States. Past research evaluated the micro-foundations of nationalism and ethnicity, the political psychology of group identities, and the role of group identity in cooperation, collective action, and conflict.

Robinson's primary region of interest is Sub-Saharan Africa, and she has conducted research in Malawi, Kenya, Liberia, Mozambique, Tanzania, and Zambia. She uses a variety of methods in her research, including original survey data collection, qualitative interviews and oral histories, field experiments, lab in the field experiments, and GIS analyses.

During the 2017-2018 academic year, Robinson will serve as the interim director of Ohio State's Decision Sciences Collaborative.

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