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CURRICULUM VITAE: 2021

Contact Information

Honors College, University of South

Pieri, Zacharias. 2019. “Daily Ritual, Mission and Transformation of the Self: The Case of Tablighi Jamaat”, *NUMEN: International Review for the History of Religions*. 66(4): 360-380

Pieri, Zacharias and Jacob Zenn. 2018. “Under the Black Flag in Borno: Experiences of Foot Soldiers and Civilians in Boko Haram’s ‘Caliphate’”, *Journal of Modern African Studies*. 56(4): 645-672.

Pieri, Zacharias. 2018. “Identifying Counter Radical Narratives from Within British Muslim Communities: The Case of “Muslim Patrol”” *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*. 38(1): 39-56, DOI: 10.1080/13602004.2018.1432148.

Zenn, Jacob and **Zacharias Pieri.** 2017. “How Much Takfir is too much Takfir? The Evolution of Boko Haram’s Factionalization”. *Journal for*

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Hassan, Idayat and **Zacharias Pieri**. 2018. "The Rise and Risks of Nigeria's Civilian Joint Task Force: Implications for Post-Conflict Recovery in Northeastern Nigeria", in Zenn, Jacob (ed.), *Boko Haram Beyond the Headlines: Analyses of Africa's Enduring Conflict*, West Point: Combating Terrorism Center.

Zenn, Jacob and **Zacharias Pieri**. 2018. "Boko Haram" in Silke, Andrew (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism*, Oxford and New York: Routledge.

Pieri, Zacharias and Jacob Zenn. 2017. "The Boko Haram Paradox: Ethnicity, Religion, and Historical Memory in Pursuit of a Caliphate", in Hentz, James and Hussein Solomon (eds.), *Understanding Boko Haram: Terrorism and Insurgency in Africa*. New York and London: Routledge. [re-print].

Pieri, Zacharias and Atta Barkindo. 2016. "Muslims in Nigeria: Between Challenge and Opportunity", in Mason, Robert (ed.), *Muslim Minority - State Relations: Violence, Integration and Policy*. London and New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

2018 **American Institute of Maghreb Studies (AIMS) Graduate Conference.** Georgia State University, Atlanta. October 26-28. (Conference Panelist, Paper Reviewer, Mentor).

2018 **Youth: Trauma & Transitions.** Duvall Family Studies Conference. University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee. February 24. (Organization Committee).

2016

- 2016** **International Business Times**, ‘Niger Presidential Election 2016: Guide to Candidates, Key Issues, Rules and Results’, Interviewed by Morgan Winsor, 20 February.
- 2016** **International Business Times**, ‘ISIS, Al Qaeda in Africa’, Interviewed by Morgan Winsor, 12 February.
- 2016** **International Business Times**, ‘Where is Abubakar Shekau? Boko Haram’s Leader’s Absence Underscores Nigerian Military’s Failure’, Interviewed by Morgan Winsor, 10 February.
- 2015** **MISNA**, ‘Boko Haram and Islamic State, Between Pledges and Reality’, Interviewed by Vincenzo Giardina, 13 March.
- 2015** **BBC World Service News: Newsday**, Interview on links between Boko Haram and Islamic State, 9 March.
- 2015** **ara.cat**, ‘L’amenca Jhasista: Boko Haram se subordina a l’EI’. Interviewed by Marta Rodriguez, 9 March.
- 2015** **The Washington Post**, ‘In New Beheading Video, Boko Haram may be taking pointers from Islamic State’. Interviewed by Sarah Kaplan, 3 March.
- 2015** **L’Adigetto**, ‘Le elezioni più incerte della storia della Nigeria’. Interviewed by Di Marco Cochi, February 2.
- 2015** **Les Temps**, ‘Et, pendant ce temps, Boko Haram continue ses massacres’. Interviewed by Christine von Garnier, 21 January.
- 2015** **MISNA**, ‘Boko Haram: Jihad is Local’. Interviewed by Vincenzo Giardina, 16 January.
- 2014** **Canadian Television News (CTV)**, *Live News at 8pm*. Interviewed on Boko Haram and the Kidnapped Chibok Schoolgirls. 12 May.
- 2012** **BBC Radio 4**. *The Sunday Programme*. Interviewed on Tablighi Jamaat and developments surrounding the “mega-mosque” Project. 9 December.

Grants & Consultancy

- 2021** **The Minerva Initiative**, “Multi-level Governance in West Africa: Impacts on Community Resilience and Perceptions of Foreign Powers” (co-PI), \$1.99 Million Requested.

- 2021** **Department of Homeland Security**, “Detecting Extremist Threats And Preventing Terrorism (DETAPT): A machine learning and digital humanities collaborative approach to understanding and preventing radicalization and domestic terrorism”. (co-PI), \$750,000 Requested.
- 2021** **National Institute of Justice**, “A machine learning and digital humanities collaborative approach to understanding and preventing radicalization and domestic terrorism”. (co-PI), \$1.3 million requested.
- 2021** **USF Humanities Institute Summer Research Award**, “Ballads of Hate: An analysis of White Power Music and what this tells us about the drivers of white supremacy.” \$5,000 (Approved).
- 2020** **Joint Special Operations University**, “Great Power Competition in West Africa: Implications for Special Operations Forces.” (PI with Kevin Fridy), \$17,500 (Approved).
- 2020** **Joint Special Operations University**, “Countering Violent Extremism in West Africa: Implications for Special Operations Forces.” (PI with Kevin Fridy), \$17,500 (Approved).
- 2019** **USFSM Accelerator Grant**, “Mapping the Drivers of Ethno-Religious Conflict in the Sahel: The Rise of Ethno-Religious Terrorism.” \$10,000 (Approved).
- 2019** **Guggenheim Foundation**, “White Power Music & The Drivers of White Supremacy. #71781. \$80,000 (Unsuccessful).
- 2018** **USAID**, Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Research & Piloting. NOFO # 72062418APS00003. \$300,000 (Unsuccessful).
- 2015** **Wikistrat**, Academic Consultant. Compilation of an Internal Stability Model on Nigeria.
- 2012-2015** **Air Force Office of Scientific Research**, “Al-Qaeda and Islamist Militant Influences on Tribal Dynamics: Mali and Northern Nigeria Regions,” (Nigeria, Project Manager), \$1.3 million (PI: David Jacobson).
- 2009 – 2014** **Minerva Initiative**, Academic Consultant. (\$16 million grant project): “Finding Allies for the War of Words: Mapping the Diffusion and Influence of Counter-Radical Muslim Discourse.” (PI: Mark Woodward).

Honors & Awards

- 2020** Regional Chancellor’s Professional Development Award, \$1,500
- 2019** USFSM Excellence in Research (non-Tenured) Award, \$1,000.
- 2018** USFSM Summer Research Grant.

2017	Teaching Excellence Award, Nomination.
2017	Regional Vice Chancellor's Professional Development Award, \$1,500.
2014	Arizona State University Conference Travel Award.
2012	MINERVA Conference Travel Award \$2,500.
2011	HRH Prince Al Waleed Al Saud Award for field research in Jerusalem £1,600 (\$2,300).
2008	Ph.D. Bursary Award, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter (paid for PhD tuition costs).
2008	Special Commendation Award, best Master of Research dissertation.
2007	HRH Prince Al Waleed Al Saud Award for Arabic studies in Yemen.
2006	University of St. Andrews Travel Award for participation in the 'Harvard World Model United Nations Conference', Beijing, China. \$3,800.
2004	Rotary Club Award.
2002	Norfolk Scholar Award.
2000	Head Boy, Great Yarmouth High School.

Professional Service

I have served as a reviewer/editor for the following journals and presses:

- *Oxford Development Studies*
- *Ethnopolitics*
- *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*
- *Islam and Muslim-Christian Relations*
- *Journal of Perpetrator Research*
- *Mobilization*
- *Sociological Spectrum*
- *Civil Wars Journal*
- *Cambridge University Press*
- *Palgrave*
- *Global Change, Peace & Security*
- *International Journal of Cyber Criminology*
- *Globalizations*
- *British Journal of Sociology*
- *Religions*
- *Sage*
- *Qualitative Research*

University Committee Positions & Service

2021	USF Task Force on Strategic Renewal
2021	USF Task Force Sub-Committee on National Security (co-chair).
2021	USF SACSOC Accreditation, Faculty Representative
2020 – Present	National Security Initiative (NSI), USF
2020 – Present	Graduate Comprehensive Exams. International Relations Committee, SIGS, USF.
2020 – Present	

