

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Michelle Miller-Adams
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Columbia University, 1993-97

Major field: International Relations, Minor field: Comparative Politics
Dissertation: *The World Bank in the 1990s: Understanding Institutional Change*

**Master of International Affairs, School of International and Public Affairs,
Columbia University, 1980-82**

Internships at the U.S. Department of State and Amnesty International

B.A., magna cum laude, History, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1976-80

Phi Beta Kappa

Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honor Society)

Volunteer director of Capitol Hill Internship Program

Internship at Common Cause (Washington, DC)

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

**Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, August 2006-present
Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI**

- Courses taught: *International Politics; International Political Economy; Poverty, Inequality, and U.S. Public Policy; Senior (Capstone) Seminar*
- Recipient, Russell G. Mawby Fellowship in Philanthropic Studies (2013 & 2014)
- Recipient, Pew Teaching Excellence Award (2012)
- Advise International Relations majors and undergraduate research fellows
- Serve on departmental Alumni and Awards committees
- Member, Community Engagement Impact Assessment Team (2013-present)
- Member, CLAS Faculty Development Committee (2009-10)
- Member, STAIR Committee (2009-12)
- Participated in GVSU faculty exchanges to Perugia (Italy) and Debrecen (Hungary)

Research Fellow, January 2006-present

W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, Kalamazoo, MI

Carry out research, consult, convene stakeholders, and engage in media and community outreach around place-based scholarship programs. Recipient of a series of grants to conduct research and write about the origins and initial impact of the Kalamazoo Promise. Results of research published as *The Power of a Promise: Education and Economic Renewal in Kalamazoo* (Upjohn Institute, 2009) and in subsequent working papers.

**Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2002-05
Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, MI**

- Courses taught: *International Politics, Politics of Latin America, U.S. Foreign Policy, International Political Economy, International Development*
- Supervised Senior Individualized Projects (undergraduate theses)
- Advised international students and served as mentor to undergraduates

Principal Investigator, Western Michigan University, 1997-2000

Recipient of a 3-year grant from the Ford Foundation to write a book on asset-building strategies for fighting poverty. Research was carried out from 1997 through 2001 at multiple sites around the United States. Results of research published as *Owning Up: Poverty, Assets, and the American Dream* (Brookings Institution Press, 2002).

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2001-02

Adjunct Professor 1998-2004, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

- Undergraduate courses taught: *International Relations, U.S. Foreign Policy, Latin American Politics*
- Graduate seminars taught to M.A. Ph.D., and Masters of International Development Administration (MIDA) students: *The World Bank, Poverty and Social Policy*
- Served on doctoral dissertation committee and on thesis committees for undergraduate honors students

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Consultant, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, 2004-10

Provided support to the office of the Senior Vice President for Programs and Battle Creek Programming area with research, writing, strategic planning, and preparation of reports.

Writer and Editor, 1994-2004

Principal author of publications for the Century Foundation and the Inter-American Dialogue. Development and editing of publications for the Americas Society, the City University of New York, Harvard University's Civil Rights Project, the Haynes Foundation, Salomon Brothers, the Century Foundation, the U.S. Institute of Peace, and others.

The University of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor

Manager, Digital Publishing Department, 1994-98

Responsible for developing electronic publishing program for scholarly publisher. Acquired projects, presented proposals to executive committee, supervised full-time and freelance staff, and managed editorial and production process for CD-ROM and Internet-based publications. Facilitator of press-wide strategic planning process.

The Twentieth Century Fund/Century Foundation, New York

Vice President for Programs, 1990-94

As senior member of program staff, supervised projects on U.S. foreign policy, economic policy, and Latin America at non-profit public policy research foundation. Responsible for all phases of program development and execution, including identification of potential authors, formulation of project ideas, presentation of proposals to Board of Trustees, supervision of authors, and dissemination of research to policymakers and the press.

Salomon Brothers Inc, New York

Vice President, Research Department 1986-90; Analyst 1984-86

Analyzed politics and economics of foreign countries, public sector borrowers, and multilateral development institutions. Developed credit and market views and communicated these to sales force, traders, and customers worldwide.

Multinational Strategies, Inc., New York

Associate, 1984-86

Researched, wrote, and presented reports to corporate and nonprofit clients on international political and economic developments.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Power of a Promise: Education and Economic Renewal in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, MI: The W.E. Upjohn Institute, 2009

Owning Up: Poverty, Assets, and the American Dream. Washington, DC: The Brookings Institution Press, 2002

The World Bank: New Agendas in a Changing World. London: Routledge, 1999

Chapters, articles, and policy papers

“Growing in Place: an analysis of cradle-to-career educational initiatives, including The Harlem Children’s Zone, Promise Neighborhoods, and StriveTogether,” in Ekaterina Travkina, ed., *Youth employment*. Paris: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Local Economic and Employment Development (LEED) Programs, forthcoming 2015

“The Kalamazoo Promise and Changing Perceptions of the Kalamazoo Public Schools” (with Jenna Fiore), Policy Brief 2013-016, W.E. Upjohn Institute, December 2013

“The Impact of the Kalamazoo Promise on College Choice” (with Bridget Timmeney), Policy Brief 2013-014, W.E. Upjohn Institute, February 2013

“The Value of Universal Eligibility in Promise Scholarship Programs,” *Employment Research*, W.E. Upjohn Institute, October 2011

“A Simple Gift: The Impact of the Kalamazoo Promise on Economic Revitalization,” *Employment Research*, W.E. Upjohn Institute, Volume 13, Number 3, 2006

“Breaking Into the Bank: The Challenge of Gaining Meaningful Access to the World Bank” (with Charles T. Myers). Chapter in *Gaining Access to Research Sites: The Inside Story*, Martha S. Feldman et al., eds., Walnut Creek, CA: Altamira Press, 2003

“Financial Markets in 1986: The Paradox of Liberalization.” Chapter in *Italian Politics: A Review*, vol. 2, Raffaella Nanetti, et al., eds. London and New York: Pinter Publishers, 1988

“The World Bank and Private Capital” (with John F.H. Purcell). Chapter in *Between Two Worlds: The World Bank's Next Decade*, Richard E. Feinberg, ed. Washington, DC: Overseas Development Council, 1986

Work in progress

Promise Nation: Transforming Communities through Place-Based Scholarships, Kalamazoo, MI: W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, WE Focus Series, 2015 (forthcoming)

“Comparing the Philanthropic Character of Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo,” research carried out with colleagues from the Johnson Center for Philanthropy as the 2013 and 2014 Dr. Russell G. Mawby Fellow in Philanthropic Studies.

Project Co-Director, Promise Research Consortium, writer and recipient of Lumina Foundation grant to create a body of research that assesses the impact of place-based scholarship programs on post-secondary attainment and local economic development (2014-16).

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“The Evolution of the Promise Scholarship Movement: Policy Diffusion, Reinvention, and Critical Design Issues,” paper to be presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association (AERA), Chicago, April

“The Economic Development Impact of Place-Based Scholarship Programs: Initial Results from Kalamazoo, Michigan,” paper presented at the 71st Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2013

“The Importance of Universality in Promise Programs,” paper presented at the APPAM Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC, November 2011

“Can Universal, Place-Based Scholarships Reduce Inequality? Lessons from Kalamazoo, Michigan,” paper presented at the 68th Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2010

“Reducing Inequality Through Universal College Scholarships: Lessons from the Kalamazoo Promise,” paper presented at LASA 2009 Congress, the annual conference of the Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro, June 2009

“The Diffusion of Policy Innovation: The Case of the Kalamazoo Promise,” paper presented at the 67th Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2009

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“The Evolution of the Promise Movement and the Research Challenge,” presentation at PromiseNet 2014, New Haven, CT, November

“The Kalamazoo Promise: Progress and Challenges,” presentation to the Michigan Political Leadership Program, sponsored by the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, Michigan State University, Kalamazoo, July 2014

“Support and Accountability: Developing Research Projects for Millennials,” presentation and facilitation at CLAS Teaching Roundtable, Allendale, November 2013

“What do we know? The impact of Promise programs to date,” facilitator and member of planning committee, PromiseNet 2013, Kalamazoo, November 2013

“An Introduction to Promise Scholarship Programs” and “Community-Level Effects of the Kalamazoo Promise,” Lumina Foundation convening of Promise researchers, Indianapolis, October 2013

“The Kalamazoo Promise: Progress and Challenges,” invited presentation for senior administrators at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, August 2013

“The Kalamazoo Promise and the Revitalization of an Urban School District,” presentation at *Looking Back, Moving Forward: A conference on race, class, opportunity and school boundaries in the Richmond region*, Richmond, VA, March 2013

“Promise Scholarship Programs: Building Assets for Community Change,” presentation to the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Policy Summit on Housing, Human Capital, and Inequality, June 2012

“Can Universal Scholarship Programs Reduce Inequality? Lessons from Kalamazoo,” Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration at Grand Valley State University, January 2011

“Community Transformation Through Place-Based Scholarships” (with Janice Brown and Brandy Johnson), presentation at national College Board Forum, Washington, DC, October 2010

“The Kalamazoo Promise and the Path to College Readiness” and “Universal, Place-Based Scholarship Programs: A New Model for College Access” (with Shelley Strickland), presentations at Michigan Pre-College and Youth Outreach Conference, Ann Arbor, November 2009

“Changing a Community’s College Culture with a Promise: The Transformative Impact of the Kalamazoo Promise and the Potential for Promise Zones,” 14th Annual Governor’s Education Summit, Lansing, April 2009

“The Kalamazoo Promise as a Tool for Economic Development,” Keynote Address at Michigan Conference of Political Scientists 39th annual meeting, Kalamazoo, October 2007

Selected speeches / presentations on the Kalamazoo Promise (2006-14): City Club of Cleveland; W.K. Kellogg Foundation Board of Trustees; Pi Sigma Alpha, Grand Valley State University (Allendale); Kalamazoo Area Labor Management (KALM); Kalamazoo Community Foundation; Kalamazoo College; Kalamazoo Public Library; Kiwanis Club of Greater Kalamazoo; Institute of Government and Politics, Western Michigan University; Rotary Clubs of Kalamazoo, Frankfort, and Gull Lake; Rotary District International Conference; Hadassah, Dorothy Slavin Chapter; Council on Michigan Foundations Program Officers Network; National meeting of lead program officers of private foundations (Detroit); and others.

Media interviews (2006-14) – *Print (national):* Associated Press, Chronicle of Higher Education, The Economist, Education Week, New Republic, New York Times, New York Times Magazine, Politico, USA Today, Wall Street Journal. ***Print (state/local):*** Bridge Magazine, Buffalo Business First, Crain’s Detroit Business, Detroit Free Press, Detroit News, Grand Rapids Press, Kalamazoo Gazette, LaCrosse Tribune, Michigan Education Report, New Haven Register, Pittsburgh Business Times, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Southwest Michigan’s Second Wave, Washington Times, Windsor Star, Yale Daily News. ***Television/radio:*** AlJazeera America, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, MSNBC, Marketplace Morning Report, Michigan Radio, Minnesota Public Radio, WKZO (Kalamazoo), WMUK-FM (Kalamazoo), WOOD-TV (Grand Rapids), WZZM-TV (Kalamazoo).

Consultation with stakeholder groups designing Promise programs (2009-14): Washington (DC); Baltimore (MD); Battle Creek, Charlevoix, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Saranac (MI); Newark (NJ); Indianapolis (IN), Toledo and Springs Valley (OH); Hamilton (Ontario); Corpus Christi, McKinney (TX); Lynchburg, Richmond (VA); Seattle (WA); Beloit, LaCrosse (WI).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Wellspring/Cori Terry and Dancers, Board Member and member of Audience and Fund Development Committee, Kalamazoo, MI, (2012 - present)

First Day Shoe Fund, Board Member, Board Secretary, and Chair of Fund Development Committee, Kalamazoo, MI, (2011 – present)

United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region, Member of Education Strategy Group, Kalamazoo, Michigan (2012-13)

Girls on the Run, Coach, Kalamazoo, MI (2013)