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EDUCATION

<p>PhD. Candidate, Public Policy and Administration (ABD) L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia, United States Dissertation Topic: <i>Natural Hazards Management for Carceral Facilities: Examining Disaster Preparedness for Prisoners and Staff in Virginia</i> Committee Chair: Dr. Hans M. Louis-Charles</p>	<p>Aug 2021- May 2025</p>
<p>Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University, United States</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Master of International Studies School of Public and International Affairs, North Carolina State University, North Carolina, United States</p>	<p>May 2021</p>
<p>Master of Science in Security Strategic and Development Studies University of Sierra Leone, Sierra Leone</p>	<p>April 2021</p>
<p>Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honors in Peace and Conflict Studies University of Sierra Leone, Sierra Leone</p>	<p>April 2013</p>

ACADEMIC CAREER EXPERIENCE

Teaching and Research Assistant

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia, United States | <p>Aug. 2021-present</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School of Public and International Affairs, North Carolina State University, North Carolina, United States | <p>Aug. 2019-May 2021</p> |

Research Assistant (Summer internships)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research Institute for Social Equity, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia, United States | <p>2022 & 2023</p> |
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COURSES ASSISTED

Graduate Classes (Core)

- HSEP 620 Private Sector Issues in Emergency Management
- HSEP 601 Emergency Management

Graduate Classes (Elective)

- HSEP 602 Emergency Plans and Incident Management (Online)
- HSEP 602 Government, Industry, and Strategic Planning (Online)

Undergraduate Classes (Core)

- HSEP 490 Senior Seminar – Capstone (Online)
- PS 339 Politics of the World Economy (Face-to-face)

Undergraduate Classes (Electives)

- PS 314 Science, Technology, and Public Policy (Face-to-face)
- AFS 342 Introduction to African Diaspora (Face-to-face)
- PS 398 Causes of War (Online)
- HSEP 310 Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (Face-to-face)
- HSEP 370 Disaster Response and Recovery (Face-to-face)
- HSEP 302 Emergency Plan and Incident Management (Face-to-Face)

RESEARCH INTEREST

Public Policy and Administration, Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Illicit Markets (organized/transnational organized crimes), Political Economy, Social Welfare, Administration of Justice, Law Enforcement and Community Relations, and Correctional Administration.

PUBLICATIONS**Peer-Reviewed Publications**

Kalokoh, A. (2023). Money laundering and terrorist financing risks and democratic governance: A global correlational analysis. *Journal of Money Laundering Control*. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JMLC-09-2023-0151>

Louis-Charles, H., **Kalokoh, A.**, Torres, J., & Jamieson, T. (2023). Emergency management and the final frontier: Preparing local communities for falling space debris. *Risk, Hazards & Crisis in Public Policy*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/rhc3.12266>

Louis-Charles, H., Teron, L., Douglas-Glenn, N., & **Kalokoh, A.** (2023). Unmasking disaster disparities and inequality in local emergency management. In E. L. Harper-Anderson, J. S. Albanese, & S. T. Gooden (Eds.), *Racial equity, covid-19 pandemic, and public policy: The triple pandemic* (pp. 11-31). Taylor & Francis Group DOI: 10.4324/9781003286967-2

Kalokoh, A. & Kochtcheeva, L.V. (2022). Governing the artisanal gold mining sector in the Mano River Union: A comparative study of Liberia and Sierra Leone. *Journal of International Development*, 34(1), 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jid.3643>

Under Reviewed

Louis-Charles, H. M., **Kalokoh, A.**, Brown, C., Derahshan, S., & Starke, A. (**Accepted**). Unequally Prepared: A Distributive Equity Study of Local Emergency Management Funding and Hazard Risk in Virginia, USA. *Disaster Prevention and Management*

Under Development

- Lund, M. B., Lambert, J., & **Kalokoh, A.** (protocol published). Entrepreneurship and justice-involved youth: A scoping review. *Open Science Framework*, <https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/T9XAZ>
- Kalokoh, A.** “Coastal vulnerabilities to hurricanes and floods: Are policymakers building resilience for mobile-manufactured homes?”
- Haupt, B., **Kalokoh, A.**, & Wadsworth, M. “Equity and disaster aid: An examination of the Federal Emergency Management Agency”

Non-Peer Review Publications

- Douglas-Glenn, N. E., Reid, J., Davis, K., **Kalokoh, A.**, Strawderman, M., & Ilkorkor, Z. S. (2023). *2023 Create, Grow, Scale Entrepreneurship Convening: Summary Report*. Research Institute for Social Equity. <https://scholarscompass.vcu.edu/rise/2>
- Kalokoh, A.** (2017). Poverty in the Mano River Basin: Examining the Security Threats. *Academic.edu*
- Gbla, O., Braima, S., Bangura, S., & **Kalokoh, A.** (2013). *National Corruption Perception Survey 2013. A report submitted to Anti-Corruption Commission of Sierra Leone*. Centre for Security and Development Analysis. https://assessments.hpc.tools/attachments/beb8aae6-35b8-4702-bda0-388f6c304c25/national_corruption_survey_report_2013.docx

GRANTS

Research Grant

- Haupt, B., & **Kalokoh, A.** (September 2023). “Analysis of Equity in Aid Application and Distribution from the Federal Emergency Management Agency”. Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond: VA. **\$10,000**

Non-Research Grant

- Mafurt, F., **Kalokoh, A.**, & Conteh, M. B. (September 2023). “Sustainable Education and School Feeding for Worreh Yeama Primary School. Franziska Agricultural Farmers Association, Sierra Leone, **9,690 CHF**

PRACTITIONER CAREER EXPERIENCE

Summer Research Scholar

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Jun - Jul 2024

Disaster Research Center, University of Delaware, United States

- Participated in the Coastal Hazard, Equity, Economic prosperity, and Resilience (CHEER) research project in Eastern North Carolina
 - Led a team of summer scholars on individual and interrelated research projects on mobile and manufactured homes and local data research project
 - Completed a research project on mobile and manufactured homes and local data in Eastern North Carolina.

- Presented my findings on the research project to experts and community stakeholders
- Served on the panel and discussed project findings, research experience, and evaluation with experts, local leaders, and stakeholders.

Case Officer (Security Analyst) (Full time)

Feb 2016 – Aug. 2019

Government of Sierra Leone, Office of the President – Sierra Leone

- Examined and analyzed national and international security and development issues, such as transnational organized crimes (trafficking, terrorism, etc.), elections, public order issues, and economic crimes
- Conducted national and sub-regional border control assessment.
- Case management on security issues
- Developed weekly updates on national and regional security threat issues
- Participated in inter-agency coordination, investigations, and review exercises on national security
- Coordinated inter-agency operations on disaster response, monitoring, assessments, and transnational organized crimes
- Participated in annual national threat assessment and threat mapping exercises
- Evaluated programs implemented by ministries, departments, agencies, and civil society related to state and human security
- Led security research projects

Research Assistant and Coordinator (part time)

Aug. 2012 – Dec 2015

Center for Development and Security Analysis, Freetown, Sierra Leone

- Key participant in developing research projects
- Recruited, trained, and coordinated research assistant for data collection and processing
- Collected data through interviews and focus group discussions
- Processed and coded data
- Research report writing

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Kalokoh, A. (July 2024) “Unequally Prepared: Emergency Management Performance Grant Distribution in the Commonwealth of Virginia”, National Hazards Workshop, Natural Hazards Center, Bromfield, Colorado, United States

Kalokoh, A. (April, 2024). “Money laundering and terrorist financing risks and democratic governance: A global correlational analysis”, Graduate School Research Symposium, Virginia Commonwealth University, United States

Kalokoh, A. (April, 2024). “Capacity Building and Emergency Management Performance Grants in Virginia.” American Society for Public Administration, Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States

- Louis-Charles and **Kalokoh, A.** (March 2024), “Emergency management and the final frontier: Preparing local communities for falling space debris,” Virginia Emergency Management Agency conference, Newport News, Virginia, United States.
- Louis-Charles, H., **Kalokoh, A.**, & Brown, C. (2023, November). “Local emergency management funding and capacity building.” Association for Public Policy and Analysis and Management Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, United States
- Kalokoh, A.** (2023, September). “Towards effective anti-money laundering and terrorist financing regime.” African Studies Research Forum, University of the District of Columbia, Washington DC, United States.
- Louis-Charles, H., **Kalokoh, A.**, Torres, M., & Jamieson, T. (2023, July). “Don’t look up: Local emergency management and falling space debris”. 48th Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop, Broomfield, Colorado, United States
- Kalokoh, A.** (2023, June). “We vote with our feet: Voices and choices of underrepresented minority students’ scholars.” Social Equity Leadership Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, United States
- Kalokoh, A.** (2023, March). “Money laundering and terrorist financing risk: Examining democratic governance as a predictor”. American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference, United States [online]
- Kalokoh, A.** (2022, June). “Mandatory minimum sentencing in the United States: A social equity analysis of federal and Virginia drug offenders”. Social Equity Leadership Conference, United States [online]
- Kalokoh, A.** (December 2017). Deliberations about organizational membership into the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme. [Invited as Guest of the Chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme conference]. Brisbane, Australia
- Kalokoh, A.** (2017, May). “A Civil Society Standpoint on the Kimberley Process”. Kimberley Process Certification Scheme [Invited as Guest of the Chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme conference], Perth, Australia.

Upcoming Conferences Accepted

- Kalokoh, A** (February 2025). Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Risks and Democratic Governance: A Global Correlational Analysis. African, African American and Diaspora Studies Conference, James Madison University, Virginia, United States
- Kalokoh, A.** (March 2025). Coastal Hazard Preparedness for Mobile and Manufactured Homes in North Carolina. American Society for Public Administration, Washington, D.C.

GUEST LECTURES

- November 2024, “Climate change, disasters, and resilience”, Department of Political Science, James Madison University, Virginia, United States.
- November 2023, “Climate change, disasters, and resilience” (PUAD 573/473 Economic and Community Development), Department of Political Science, James Maddison University, Virginia, United States
- October 2023, “Sierra Leone at the crossroads: The quest for democracy, stability, and national cohesion.” The All People’s Congress (APC) party, Comfort Inn, Springfield, Virginia, United States.

SERVICES

(Professional, University, and Community)

Service to the Profession

Peer Reviewer

- Risk, Hazards, and Crisis in Public Policy (RHCPP)
- Review of Public Personnel Administration (ROPPA)
- FEMA International Special Interest Group book chapters review
- The Journal of African Studies and Research Forum (JASRF)
- Journal of Public Education Affairs (JPAE)
- Public Administration
- Natural Hazards Review
- International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Secretary

Central Virginia Chapter – American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) 2024-2025

- Organizes meetings
- Upholds the Chapter’s legal requirements, ethics and confidentiality
- Maintains records
- Manages communication

Conference Volunteer

Natural Hazards Workshop, Natural Hazards Center, Boulder, Colorado, United States
July 2024

- Recorded sessions and submitted a written report of the recorded sessions
- Facilitate sessions along with session moderators
- Managed session time for effective and efficient conclusion
- Managed question time during the session
- Helped with setting up the sessions, such as arranging technology, PowerPoints
- Helped attendees with needed information about the conference when asked
- Assisted with general organizing of the conference

Service to the University

Founder and President

Sept. 2024 to Present

Student Research Initiative (SRI) – Virginia Commonwealth University

- Provides overall leadership of the organization in building interdisciplinary research collaboration, publications, and dissemination of research findings at conferences
- Represents the SRI to internal and external organizations.
- Enforces SRI policies, programs, and directives of membership
- Appoints chair members for special events and delegates responsibilities as needed
- Serve as a voting Chairperson of the Executive Board and an ex officio member of all SRI committees.
- Ensures that events, activities, and overall structure of SRI adhere to the purpose of the association
- Approves the formation of all committees as established by the SRI
- Signs with the treasurer, any purchases or other expenditures, including deposits and withdrawals.

Vice President

- Oct. 2024-2025

Black Graduate Student Association, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia, United States

- Represents the President to official programs and events in their absence
- Assists sub-committees as needed.
- Performs secretarial duties (office coordination, scheduling meetings, preparing and managing office records, managing correspondence)

Board Member

Virginia Commonwealth University Career Services Student Advisory Board – **Aug. 2022 – May 2024**

- Attends monthly meetings to discuss student challenges and needs for career preparation and success
- Engages VCS on student challenges and needs for career preparation and student success
- Suggests approaches to addressing student challenges and improving student experiences.
- Inform students about campus opportunities.

Council Member

International Student Advisory Council: North Carolina State University - **Sept. 2019 – May 2021**

- Attended council monthly meetings
- Advised the Office of International Services (OIS) on international student affairs
- Engaged international students on academic and welfare issues for OIS' attention
- Informed international students of opportunities available to them

Service to the Community**Technical Team Lead (Part-time volunteer)****2013 – 2019*****African Youth on Mining and Environment, Freetown, Sierra Leone***

- Coordinated research projects on the impacts of child mining in both artisanal diamond and gold sectors in Sierra Leone.
- Trained enumerators on data collection and data processing
- Presented research findings at conferences, universities, and high schools.
- Presented as Guest of the Chair at the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme Intersessional, Perth, Australia (May 2017).
- Presented as Guest of the Chair at the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme Plenary meetings, Brisbane, Australia (December 2017).

Health Promotion Manager (Full time)**Nov. 2014 – Apr 2015*****Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders) – Freetown, Sierra Leone***

- Identified stakeholders to support health information dissemination on Ebola Virus Disease.
- Supervised in close coordination with the Human Resource Department recruitment of community health workers (Community Health Officers- CHOs and Community Health Workers- CHWs)
- Trained and supervised teams of CHOs and CHWs on planning and project implementation
- Supervised malaria drug distribution to community health centers and individual beneficiaries across communities in Freetown, Sierra Leone.
- Collected and reported to MSF medical team information linked to the health situation on the field daily.
- Identified constraints of the health promotion strategy and reported to the team supervisor.
- Participated in the project implementation evaluation with the Human Resource Department

Co-founder and Coordinator**2015– Present*****Franziska Agricultural Farmers' Association, Sierra Leone***

- Designed and coordinated project activities (such as school feeding and school administration)
- Developed about 30-acre projects with cashew trees and cassava and 20 acres of yearly rice cultivation to promote food and environmental security at the community level.
- Mobilizes community effort to project implementation.
- Supports community schools for sustainable learning through school funding projects with a partner organization in Switzerland (Suyana Foundation)
- Grant writing and coordinates fundraising

Chair, Finance Committee (Part time)

2016 – 2019

Seaside Community Development Organization, Freetown, Sierra Leone

- Planned and implemented community-based projects (e.g., constructed police post, fishing business, and education scholarships)
- Managed community finances and businesses (fishing, bakery, and cleaning motorcycles)
- Coordinated project design and implementation (including the award of scholarships, water supply, regular community cleaning campaigns, and civic education)
- Spearheaded the community constitutional review process as Constitutional Review Chairman
- Lead campaigner for constructing a community police station to combat crime.

Board Member and Monitor (Volunteer)

2011-2019

Local Policing Partnership Board (LPPB), Freetown, Sierra Leone

- Participated in board meetings to plan for LPPB activities
- Coordinated local community policing volunteer activities
- Organized community meetings on the security status of the community
- Coordinated with law enforcement on public safety endeavors and community safety volunteer activities

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**Academic Awards**

- 2024 Outstanding Public Policy and Administration Doctoral Student
- 2024 Black History in the Making, Virginia Commonwealth University
- 2024 Coastal Hazards, Equity, Economic prosperity, and Resilience (CHEER) Scholar
- 2023 Inter-university Consortium for Public and Social Research (ICPSR) Scholar
- 2023 Leigh E. Grosenick Scholarship (in honor of outstanding scholarly achievement). L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University
- 2022 Leigh E. Grosenick Scholarship (in honor of outstanding scholarly achievement). L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University

Nonacademic Awards

- 2023 Development Advocate of the Year (for community development contribution in education, food security, civic engagement, and public safety). Bai Burreh Heritage Foundation – Sierra Leone.

Fellowship

- William Averette Anderson Fund for Hazard and Disaster Mitigation (Bill Anderson Fund) Fellow
- Equity and Inclusion Fellow – Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)
- Founders' Fellow – American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)
- Public Administration Theory Fellow – Public Administration Theory Network

TRAINING COMPLETED**Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research****July 2023**

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research, United States

Leadership and Development**April 2020**

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, United States

Developing Cultural Competence (DCC) Certified**November
2019**

The Global Training Initiative, North Carolina State University,
Raleigh, United States

Regional and National Security Governance**February
2016**

Office of National Security, Office of the President, Sierra Leone

Transnational Organized Crimes (Drugs Trafficking)**April 2018**

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Sierra Leone

- Advance training on drug trafficking intelligence collection and analysis for transnational organized crime
- Advance training on understanding and overcoming common drug transportation concealment techniques for transnational organized crimes.
- Advanced training on large scale drug trafficking investigation: Methods and procedures for transnational organized crime
- Advance training on maritime drug trafficking investigations and drug trafficking via aircraft for transnational organized crime
- Advance training on the new challenge of large-scale African drug trafficking for transnational organized crime.

MEMBERSHIPS

- William Averette Anderson Fund for Hazard and Disaster Mitigation
- American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)
- Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)

- The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
- Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society
- African Studies and Research Forum
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- Virginia Emergency Management Association
- Money Laundering Research Network
- Federal Emergency Management Agency's Special Interest Group

SOFTWARE

Microsoft Office Suite | SPSS | ArcGIS Pro | Stata | Qualtrics | REDCap |