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Appointments

- Northwestern University – School of Education and Social Policy, Evanston, Illinois July 2019 – Present
- Assistant Professor of Urban Politics, Human Development and Social Policy
 - Assistant Professor (by courtesy), Department of Political Science
 - Fellow, Institute for Policy Research
- Duke University - Sanford School, Durham, North Carolina July 2018 – July 2019
- Assistant Professor of Public Policy
 - Chronicle 15 Pioneer awarded to persons who have transformed the University
- Princeton University - Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton, New Jersey September 2016 – July 2018
- Postdoctoral Research Associate – Values and Public Policy Fellow
Center for Democratic Studies of Politics and University Center for Human Values
- Harvard University - Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Massachusetts September 2016 – June 2017
- Fellow, Women and Public Policy Program

Education

- Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- Ph.D. Political Science and Methodology, June 2016
 - M.A. Political Science, June 2013
- University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Excellence Through Diversity, August 2014 – August 2015
- The George Washington University, Washington, DC
- B.A Political Science and Public Policy, May 2011
Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Peer Reviewed Book(s)

- Nuamah, Sally A. 2019. *How Girls Achieve*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press
 - **Awards:** 2020 Prose Award Winner (Education Practice, Social Sciences), *American Publishers Association*.
2019 Top Book for Educators. *Greater Good Society, UC Berkeley*.
2019 #1 Best Seller, *Book Culture* (NY).
 - **Select Media/Reviews:** Washington Post, Forbes Women, Ms. Magazine, Booklist (*starred*)
Gender and Education (Journal), Library Journal, Harvard Education Review, Teachers College Record.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- Nuamah, Sally A. **In Press**. “Every Year they Ignore Us: Public School Closures and the Continued Violation of Public Trust.” *Politics, Groups and Identities*.
 - Adapted version - “A Spoke in a Wheel: School Closures and Public Trust.” In Ebony Duncan (Ed). *Shattered Schools: Race, Community and School Closure in American Cities*. *Information Age Publishing*: Charlotte, NC.
- Nuamah, Sally A. 2019. Who Governs?: How Shifts in Political Power Shape Perceptions of Local Government Services. (w/Domingo Morel) *Urban Affairs Review*

- Invited to Present at Education Research Section, Princeton University, December 2017
 - Invited to Present at Brown University, Anton/Lipton Conference, January 2018
 - Invited to Present at American Education Research, Annual Meeting, April 2019
 - Featured in *Harper Magazine, Slate, Nola.com, Diane Ravitch, 74 million*
- Nuamah, Sally A. **2018** “Achievement Oriented: Developing Positive Academic Identities for Girl Students at an Urban School.” *American Education Research Journal*.
 - Presented at the Angela Duckworth Lab, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, P.A. February 16, 2015
 - Presented at the Women and Public Policy Program, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, M.A. January 26, 2017
- Nuamah, Sally A. **2017**. “The Paradox of Educational Attitudes: Racial Differences in Public Opinion on School Closure.” *Journal of Urban Affairs*.
 - Featured in *the Washington Post, Salon.com, Alternet, Have You Heard Podcast, National Education Center, Scholar Strategy Network – No Jargon, Policy DianeRavitch.com, Stamford Advocate*.
- Nuamah, Sally A. **2016**. “Resilient Learners in Schools Serving Poor Communities.” *Electronic Journal of Research in Education Psychology*. (with G. Frempong, N. Feeza, M. Visser, L. Winnar)

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

- Nuamah, Sally A. **2020**. The Limits of Individual Level Factors for Ghanaian and South African Girls Learning. Youth Challenges and Opportunity Pathways in and linked to West Africa. *Palgrave Macmillan*.

Book Reviews

- Nuamah, Sally A. **2019**. Race for Education: gender, white tone and schooling in South Africa by Mark Hunter. *Journal of Modern African Studies*.

Public/Media Publications

- Nuamah, Sally A. **2019**. From the Oscar’s to the Nurse’s Office: Fighting for Menstrual Equity in our Own Backyards. *Ms. Magazine (with Mabelle Zhang (student))*
- Nuamah, Sally A. **2018**. “Rahm Emanuel is not running for re-election: The underappreciated reason? School Closures. *The Washington Post – Monkey Cage Blog*
- Nuamah, Sally A. **2018**. “On International Day of the Girl, it’s a good time to ask: Are schools safe for Girls?” *The Washington Post – Monkey Cage Blog*
- Nuamah, Sally A. **2018**. “The Making of Feminist Schools.” *Phi Delta Kappan: Gender, Sex and Schooling*. October 2018 Issue

Working Projects/ Papers

- Nuamah, Sally A. “Closed for Democracy: The Cost of Participation in the Era of Mass School Closure”
 - Book Manuscript. *Under Review at Cambridge University Press*
- Nuamah, Sally A. “The Cost of Participating while Poor and Minority: Toward a Theory of Collective Participatory Debt.” *Revised and Resubmitted at Perspectives on Politics*.
 - Presented at Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. January 12, 2017
 - Presented at American Education Research Association Meeting, New York, NY April 13, 2018
 - Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC August 29, 2019
- Nuamah, Sally A. “Experiences in Place: Citizen Responses to Spatially Targeted Policies” (with Thomas Orgorzalek). *Under review*
 - Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 7, 2018
- Nuamah, Sally A. How the Punishment of Black Women and Girls Affects our Democracy, *In Progress*
 - Andrew Carnegie Fellowship Project, 2019 - 2021

Invited Academic Talks 2015 - 2020

- American Bar Foundation (2020)
- Northwestern University (2020)
 - Buffett Center for Global Affairs
- University of Pennsylvania
 - R Working Group (2014)
 - Department of Political Science (2015)
 - Africa Working Group (2015)
 - American Political Behavior Workshop – Department of Political Science (2019)
 - Graduate School of Education (2020)
- Harvard University
 - Women and Public Policy Program, Harvard Kennedy School (2017, 2019)
- Princeton University
 - University Center for Human Values (2016)
 - Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (2017)
 - Education Research Section (2017, 2018)
 - Gender and Policy Network (2018)
 - Law and Public Affairs (2019)
- Duke University
 - Sanford Women in Policy - Talk (2018)
 - School Research Partnership - Keynote (2019)
 - Hank and Billye Suber Aaron Young Scholars Summer Research Institute – Keynote (2019)
- Brown University
 - Anton Lipton/Urban Affairs Conference (2018)
- University of Ghana, Rutgers University and Ford Foundation
 - West Africa Youth Pathways Forum (2017, 2018)
- Rutgers University - Newark
 - Global Urban Studies Program (2015)

Other Academic Presentations

- African Studies Association - 2013, 2014, 2018
- American Education Research Association – 2018, 2019
- American Political Science Association - 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020
- Midwest Political Science Association – 2014, 2018
- National Conference of Black Political Scientist - 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018
- National Women's Studies Association – 2018
- Southern Political Science Association – 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020
- Urban Affairs Association – 2015, 2018
- Western Political Science Association – 2018

Public Talks

- Scholar Strategy Network – Talk (2020)
- UC Boulder Conference on World Affairs – Panel and Talk (2020)
- Northwestern University - Book Talk on How Girls Achieve (2020)
- Northwestern University Alumni Homecoming – Keynote – (2019)
- Duke University - Color of Education – Panel – (2019)
- Durham Chamber of Commerce – Women Take No Bull – Keynote (2019)
- National Coalition on Girls Schools – Keynote (2019)
- National Student Leadership Network – Workshop (2019)
- Baltimore Leadership School – Workshop (2019)
- Irma Lerma Young Leadership School – Workshop (2019)
- University of Pennsylvania Book Store – Book Talk, How Girls Achieve (2019)

- Politics and Prose - Book Talk, *How Girls Achieve* (2019)
- Regulator Books - Book Talk, *How Girls Achieve* (2019)
- BookMarks - Book Talk, *How Girls Achieve* (2019)
- Book Culture - Book Talk, *How Girls Achieve* (2019)
- Card Carrying Shop - Book Talk, *How Girls Achieve* (2019)
- Blue Stockings - Book Talk, *How Girls Achieve* (2019)
- Women Children First - Book Talk, *How Girls Achieve* (2019)
- Quail Ridge Books - Book Talk, *How Girls Achieve* (2019)
- Samuel Dubois Cook Center on Social Equity – Keynote (2019)
- The George Washington University – Keynote (2019)
- The Southern Education Foundation - School Funding for Politics of Equity Convening (2018)
- The National Education Policy Center - Annual Convening (2018)
- The Partnership for Public Education - Public School Closures Lecture (2018)

Research Grants

External

- Andrew Carnegie Fellowship, The Carnegie Corporation, 2019 - 2021
- National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship, 2011 - 2016
- National Science Foundation, GROW Research Award, 2015
- University of Pennsylvania, Excellence Through Diversity Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, 2014-15
- University of Pennsylvania, Wharton Public Policy Initiative Grant for Research Assistance, 2015
- United States Aid for International Development, Research and Innovation Fellowship, 2015
- Ford Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Finalist, 2011
- The George Washington University, Office of Vice President for Research Fellowship, 2010
- The George Washington University, Global Women’s Institute Research Grant, 2010
- U.S Department of State, Benjamin E. Gilman International Education Award, 2009

Internal

- Duke University EADS Research Assistant Grant, 2018-19
- Northwestern University, Graduate Student External Fellowship Award, 2012 - 16
- Northwestern University, Program of African Studies Graduate Student Research Grant, 2012 - 15
- Northwestern University, Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies, 2014, 2015
- Northwestern University Department of Political Science Travel Grant 2013, 2014, 2015
- Northwestern University, Program of African Studies Language Grant 2014

Awards

- 2020 Prose Award Winner for *How Girls Achieve*. American Publishers Association, February 2020
- Top Book for Educators in 2019 for *How Girls Achieve*. Greater Good Society, UC Berkeley, December 2019
- The George Washington University, Recent Alumni Achievement Award, September 2019
- Clarence Stone Award – Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association, August 2019
- Susan Clarke Young Scholars – Urban Politics Section, American Political Science Association, August 2019
- Andrew Carnegie Award – Carnegie Corporation, August 2019 – August 2021
- Duke University Pioneer Award – (awarded to a faculty member who has transformed the university) - March 2019
- Forbes Magazine “30 Under 30” in Education, November 2018
- Africa Festival of the Arts 2018 "Advocate Award." August 2018
- Global Strategists Association “Emerging Leader Award.” March 2018
- Black Women Organized for Political Action, “Under 40 Award in Education,” August 2016
- White House, United State of the Women, Nominated “Change-maker,” May 2016
- Chicago Scholars “35 under 35” Leaders Making an Impact, April 2015
- Best Educational Documentary, PBS Top 20 International Film Festival, April 2015
 - Distributed by Discovery Channel Education

- Changing Worlds Connecting Cultures Honoree, May 2014
- National Conference of Black Political Scientists Graduate Student GAP Award, 2012
- Princeton University Alumni Prize in Improving Race Relations, May 2011
- Columbian College Distinguished Scholar Award, 2011
- Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Merit Scholarship, 2007 - 2011
- National Coca-Cola Merit Scholarship, 2007 – 2011

Teaching Experience

- *Assistant Professor*, Race, Inequality and Political Analysis, Winter 2020
- *Workshop Leader*, Grace House for Incarcerated Women, Winter 2020
- *Assistant Professor*, Race, Gender and Public Policy; The Politics of Public Policy Analysis, Spring 2019
- *Instructor*, Princeton University, Values and Public Life Senior Workshop Seminar Series, 2017–18
- *Teaching Assistant*, Northwestern University, Social Policy Making with Quinn Mulroy, Winter 2016; Criminal Justice Policy with Dr. Traci Burch, Fall 2015; U.S in the 1960's with Jeff Rice, Summer 2012; U.S. Military History with Jeff Rice, Summer 2012
- *Writing Mentor*, Grace House for Incarcerated Women, Chicago, IL, Winter 2014
- *Guest Lecturer*, Culture & Community Workshop, Northwestern University, “Urban Schools and Gang Lines in Chicago.” May 8, 2014
- *Guest Lecturer*, Race & Public Policy Course, Northwestern University, “Juvenile Justice and the School-to-Prison Pipeline.” April 17, 2014

Leadership and Service

- *Member*, Undergraduate Committee, Northwestern University, 2019 - 20
- *Board of Trustees*, The George Washington University, 2014 - 2018
- *Reviewer*, Journal of Urban Affairs; American Journal of Political Science; Perspectives on Politics; Urban Affairs Review, 2017-19
- *Reviewer*, Princeton Values and Public Policy Senior Graduate Thesis Prize, 2018
- *Discussant*, Princeton University Lawrence Rockefeller Seminar 2018
- *Discussant*, Princeton University Bobst Center for Peace Book Workshop on Race, Ethnicity and Politics, 2018
- *Reviewer*, Proposals for American Education Research Association Submissions
- *Presidential Search Committee*, The George Washington University, 2016 – 2017
- *Graduate Representative*, Race, Ethnicity and Politics Section, American Political Science Association – 2014 – 2016

Professional Memberships

- American Education Research Association
- American Political Science Association
- African Studies Association
- National Conference of Black Political Scientists
- Southern Political Science Association

Other Professional Experience

- Founder, TWII Foundation, 2014 - Present
- Executive Producer, HerStory: Educate a Woman, Educate a Nation, 2014
- Research and Innovation Fellow, United States Aid for International Development, 2014 - 15
- Gender Expert, United Nations Foundation, 2014
- Graduate Research Fellow, Human Science Research Council, 2014 -15
- Research Assistant, American Bar Foundation, 2012 – 2013
- Policy Associate, Barack Obama Senate Office, 2008

Select Media/Talks

- “How Girls Achieve.” **Observer Research Foundation** - https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=uNvYnZefTU
- “How Girls Achieve.” **Ufahamu Africa** - <https://ufahamuafrica.com/2019/03/17/ep61-a-conversation-with-sally-nuamah-on-girls-education/>
- “How Girls Achieve.” **New Books Network** - <https://newbooksnetwork.com/sally-nuamah-how-girls-achieve-harvard-up-2019/>
- “Clapping with One Hand.” **TEDx Chicago** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cgUvqc-GKc&t=24s>
- “Closing the Gap, Widening the Net.” **Chicago United** - <https://chicago-united.wistia.com/medias/ykmi84sgog>
- “Linking Non-Cognitive Skills to Girls in Ghana,” Women and Public Policy Seminar Talk, **Harvard Kennedy School** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbNvixs3LS8&t=66s>
- “What it takes: Sally Nuamah, Creator of HerStory.” **Her Agenda** - <http://heragenda.com/what-it-takes-sally-nuamah-creator-of-herstory/>
- “Chicago’s 35 under 35 Making an Impact.” **Chicago Scholars** - <http://c1revolution.com/complete-list-of-the-2015-chicago-scholars-35-under-35-making-an-impact/>
- “Why it matters: Sally Nuamah on strides in equal education.” **The Global Gender Current** - <https://globalgendercurrent.com/2013/05/23/sallynuamah-2/>
- Sally Nuamah on the Importance of Scholarships. Power and Promise Scholarship Dinner, **The George Washington University** - <https://campaign.gwu.edu/2017-power-promise-celebration>
- Alumni Spotlight—**The George Washington University**, https://diversity.gwu.edu/sites/diversity.gwu.edu/files/VPDI_1415_1_DiversityMattersNewsletter_web.pdf
- Senior Profiles: “Sally Nuamah, advocating for those without a voice.” **The GW Hatchet** - <http://www.gwhatchet.com/2011/05/09/senior-profiles-sally-nuamah-advocating-for-those-without-a-voice/>
- “Sally Nuamah Recognized by Changing Worlds.” **Goldberg Kohn** - <http://www.goldbergkohn.com/newsroom-news-1192.html>
- Changing Worlds Award, **Progress Illinois** - <http://progressillinois.com/quick-hits/content/2014/05/19/community-group-uses-arts-help-chicago-youth-process-gun-violence>
- Sally Nuamah, “Dream Deferred Keynote.” **Changing Worlds** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWwdU5xH66k>
- Sally Nuamah, “Achievement Oriented.” **GW Research Magazine** - https://www2.gwu.edu/~magazine/archive/2011_research_fall/feature_pdf/gwr_fall12_feat3.pdf
- “Board of Trustees Elects Three New Members.” **The GW Hatchet**, <http://blogs.gwhatchet.com/newsroom/2014/06/23/recent-graduate-among-three-new-members-to-join-board-of-trustees/>
- HerStory, featured in Research Packet for Educators, **World Affairs Council** - <https://www.world-affairs.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/10.27.15-Bringing-the-World-to-the-Classroom-through-Film.pdf>