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**CURRICULUM VITAE: 2021**

**Contact Information**

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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 Deradicalization*. 14(1): 47-70

*of Modern Muslim Identities*, International Studies in Religion and Society Vol. 35, Leiden and Boston: Brill. [reprint].

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 Jhisista: 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**

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- 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**

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

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

### **Professional Service**

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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**

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



