

Biography: Trip Leader Professor Peter J. Schraeder

Peter J. Schraeder (born June 2, 1961) is a tenured professor and graduate program director in the Department of Political Science at Loyola University Chicago, where he also teaches as part of the Black World Studies, International Studies, and Islamic World Studies programs. He is also the elected president of Faculty Council, Loyola's highest elected body that represents faculty at the Lake Shore, Maywood, and Water Tower campuses. He received his M.A. (1986) and Ph.D. (1990) in International Studies from the University of South Carolina, after completing a double major in International Studies and French at Bradley University (1979-81) and a degree in French Civilization and Language at the Sorbonne in Paris, France (1981-82). His administrative, teaching and research skills are the direct result of wide-ranging overseas experiences, including having lived, lectured or carried out research in 29 African countries in all regions of the African continent, most recently North Africa. In addition to teaching at the University of Tunis in Tunisia (2002-03) and at Cheikh Anta Diop University in Senegal (1994-96) as part of the Fulbright scholar exchange program, Schraeder has held visiting appointments at the John Felice Rome Center in Italy (2003-05), Somali National University (1985), the U.S. Embassy in Djibouti (1987), the French Institute of African Research in Zimbabwe (1996), and the University of the Antilles in Guadeloupe (1999). He teaches in Tunisia every January, and leads a 22-day summer travel course for American students to Tunisia each June. Schraeder's research interests span four major areas: comparative foreign policy theory, United States and European foreign policies toward Africa and the Middle East, African politics and foreign policy (including North Africa), and intervention in world politics and international democracy promotion. His research has been published in such diverse scholarly journals as African Affairs, The Journal of Modern African Studies, The Journal of Politics, Middle East Journal, Politique Africaine, and World Politics. He is the author or editor of ten books, including Globalization and Emerging Trends in African Foreign Policy: A Comparative Perspective of Eastern Africa (2007), African Politics and Society: A Mosaic in Transformation (2nd ed., 2004), Exporting Democracy: Rhetoric vs. Reality (2002), United States Foreign Policy Toward Africa: Incrementalism, Crisis, and Change (1994), and Intervention into the 1990s: U.S. Foreign Policy Toward the Third World (1992). He is currently working on two books, "African Foreign Policy: Democratization and its Impact on Policy Formulation and Implementation" and "The Cross, the Crescent and the Ballot Box: Catholic and Islamic Perspectives on the Rule of Law and Democracy Promotion." Fluent in English and French, Schraeder is also actively involved in a wide number of international research networks, most notably in France and francophone Africa. He resides in Arlington Heights, Illinois, with his wife, Catherine Anne Scanlon, and three children: Maximilian (10 years old), Marianne (7 years old), and Patrick (4 years old). Please contact him via email: pschrae@luc.edu