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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of International Relations
Department of Political Science and International Relations
University of Southern California

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Perry World House
University of Pennsylvania, 2018-2019

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Columbia University, 2018.
M.Phil. & M.A. Political Science, Columbia University, 2014, 2013.
B.A. (High Honors) Wesleyan University, 2008.

Research Interests

Forced Migration; Violent Conflict; Global Governance; Research Ethics

Research & Writing

[“Home Again: Refugee Return & Violence in Burundi.”](#) *International Security* 44 (2): 110-145, 2019.

Under Review & Works in Progress

Book Manuscript

“Homeward Bound: Refugee Return and Local Conflict after Civil War.”

Articles

“Ill-Prepared: International Fieldwork Methods Training in Political Science.” co-authored. (under review)

“COVID19 & the Devolution of Asylum Norms” with co-authored. (under review)

“Is Refugee Return Good Public Relations? Conceptualizing tactics of return without refoulement in the Global South.”

“Non-Refoulement and the Hollowing Out of International Asylum Protections.”

Peer Reviewed Policy Publications

Youth in Post-Conflict Reconstruction: Agents of Change (Washington, DC: U.S. Institute of Peace Press, 2010).

Media, Commentary & Policy Publications

- “Could COVID-19 Upend International Asylum Norms?” with Lama Mourad. *Lawfare*. April 9, 2020.
- “Sending Refugees Back Makes the World More Dangerous.” *Foreign Policy*. November 27, 2019.
- “The End of Asylum: Trump’s deals with Central American countries could unravel the global refugee system as we know it.” *Slate*. October 17, 2019.
- “No Refuge: It’s not just Trump and the caravan. The rules that govern asylum are breaking down everywhere.” *Slate*. October 31, 2018.
- “Are Research Ethics a Question of Public Opinion?” *Political Violence at a Glance*. October 1, 2018.
- “Is this the end of the International Criminal Court?” with Kate Cronin-Furman. *The Monkey Cage at The Washington Post*. October 21, 2016.
- “South Sudan’s leaders just signed a peace deal. Will it work?” *The Monkey Cage at The Washington Post*. August 27, 2015.
- “Burundi Faso? Coups, revolutions and what’s next for Burundi” with Cara Jones and Alies Rijper. *The Monkey Cage at The Washington Post*. May 13, 2015.
- “What explains Burundi’s Protests?” with Cara Jones. *The Monkey Cage at The Washington Post*. April 28, 2015.
- “Will Sudan’s elections change anything?” *The Monkey Cage at The Washington Post*. April 15, 2015.
- “Are elections straining Burundi’s fragile peace?” *The Monkey Cage at The Washington Post*. March 27, 2015.
- “Dowry and Division: Youth and State-Building in South Sudan,” with Marc Sommers. U.S. Institute of Peace Special Report, 295: November 2011.

Grants, Fellowships, & Awards

- 2019 Best Dissertation, American Political Science Association (APSA) Migration & Citizenship Section.
- 2019 Emerging Global Scholars Award, Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2018-2019 Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC) Postdoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University (*Declined*).
- 2017 International Studies Association (ISA)-Women’s Caucus (WCIS), Best Graduate Student Paper.
- 2017 Graduate Global Policy Award, Columbia Global Policy Initiative.
- 2017 Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Teaching Scholar Fellowship.
- 2015-2016 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant.
- 2015-2016 U.S. Institute of Peace, Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship.
- 2015 Morris Abrams Award in International Relations.
- 2014 Christian Johnson Endeavor Foundation Grant at the Columbia Global Policy Initiative, Field Research Grant.
- 2014 Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Research Grant.
- 2014 Columbia University Political Science Dept. Dissertation Development Grant.

Conferences, Seminar, & Workshop Participation

Perry World House Seminar, University of Pennsylvania, February 19, 2020

Center for International Studies, International Women's Activism, University of Southern California
December 9, 2019.

Center for International Peace & Security Studies Seminar, McGill University, November 8th, 2019

Perry World House, Vicious Cycles: Toward a Research Agenda on Refugee Return and Repeat Migration
(Convener), University of Pennsylvania, June 11, 2019.

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Convention, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020.

International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Baltimore 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.

Southern Political Science Association, Migration Conference within a Conference, 2020.

African Studies Association, Chicago, 2017.

Invited Talks and Panels

Panelist, "Burundi: Pandemic & Populism?", Populists and the Pandemic lecture series, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Speaker, "Refugee Return & Alternative Solutions", The Institute for the Study of Human Rights & the Department of Political Science, Columbia University, February 20, 2020.

Panelist, Predoctoral Institute for First Generation and Diverse Scholars, University of Southern California, July 19-20, 2019.

Panelist, Fieldwork in Political Science Salon, Columbia University, October 28, 2019.

Panelist, "Ethics & Interviewing", Columbia Political Science Methods Workshop, Columbia University, April 7, 2017.

Participant, US-Islamic World Forum, New York City, Sept 17-18, 2017.

Briefing, "Fleeing Again: Return Migration and the 2015 Third Mandate Crisis in Burundi", Department for International Development (DfID) Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, July 4, 2017.

Briefing, Burundi Working Group, Washington DC, Sept 9, 2016.

Briefing, "Why Are Burundians Really Fleeing?", UNHCR, Kasulu, Tanzania May 31, 2016.

Panelist, "Youth in Post-Conflict Reconstruction: Agents of Change", World Bank Y2Y Global Youth Forum, Washington, DC, Nov 11, 2010.

Consulting and Policy Work

Consultant, DAI, Jan 2018-March 2018.

Consultant, U.S. Institute of Peace, Sudan & South Sudan Programs, 2012 - 2015.

Consultant, The World Bank, Youth and Peacebuilding Program Review, 2014.

Consultant, Political Instability Task Force, Mass Atrocity Casebook, 2014.

Senior Program Specialist, U.S. Institute of Peace 2008 - 2011.

Teaching

University of Southern California

- Human Security and Humanitarian Intervention, Fall 2020.
- Civil War, Peacebuilding, and International Intervention, Spring 2020.
- Qualitative Field Research Methods, Fall 2019, Spring 2021.
- Forced Migration and Conflict, Fall 2019, Spring 2021.

Columbia University

- Politics of Forced Migration, Spring 2018.
- Teaching Fellow, Nationalism in Contemporary World Politics, Prof. Jack Snyder, Fall 2017.
- Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Human Rights, Prof. Andrew Nathan, Fall 2016.
- Teaching Fellow, International Law, Prof. Tonya Putnam, Spring 2014.
- Teaching Fellow, Civil Wars & International Interventions in Africa, Prof. Severine Autesserre, Fall 2013.
- Teaching Fellow, Introduction to International Politics, Prof. Kimberly Marten, Fall 2014 & Fall 2012.
- Teaching Fellow, Civilizations & Society in International Relations, Prof. Eric Blanchard, Spring 2013.
- Teaching Fellow, Foreign Policy Decision-Making, Prof. Barbara Farnham, Spring 2012.

Guest Lectures

- Ethics & Fieldwork, Prof. Erik Lin-Greenberg, Fall 2020
- Ethics & Fieldwork, Prof Jaques Hymans, Spring 2019.
- Peacekeeping, Prof. Nick Sambanis, Spring 2019.
- “Borders, What’s Up With That? Migration, Diaspora & Nationalism”, in *Nationalism & Contemporary World Politics*, Prof. Jack Snyder, Dec 4, 2017.
- “Ethics & Interviewing”, in *Methods of Inquiry & Research Design*, Prof. V. Page Fortna, Columbia University, Oct 24, 2017.
- “Refugee Rights”, in *Introduction to Human Rights*, Prof. Andrew Nathan, Dec 7, 2016.
- “What’s Going on in Burundi? The Almost-Posterchild for Peacebuilding”, in *Civil Wars and International Interventions in Africa*, Prof. Severine Autesserre, Oct 6, 2015.
- “Negotiations in Sudan”, in *Civil Wars and International Interventions in Africa*, Nov 12, 2013.
- “Children & Youth Affected by Conflict”, in *Order & Civilizations in International Relations*, Prof. Eric Blanchard, April 13, 2013.

References

Available upon request.

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