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Research Interests

Forced Migration; Civil Wars and Peacebuilding; Qualitative Methods, Research Ethics

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Academic Appointments

University of Southern California
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science — 2019 - Present

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

Education

Columbia University
Ph.D., Political Science — 2018
M.Phil., Political Science — 2014
M.A., Political Science — 2013

Wesleyan University
B.A. (*High Honors*), Government & International Relations — 2008

Additional Training

Institute for Qualitative and Mixed-Methods Research — 2013

Academic Writing

"Home Again: Refugee Return & Violence in Burundi." 2019. *International Security* 44(2): 110-145.

Works in Progress

"Homeward Bound: Refugee Return and Local Conflict after Civil War." *(Book Manuscript)*
Book Manuscript Workshop, Center for International Studies,
University of Southern California, May 2021

"Return without *Refoulement*: How states in the Global South avoid hosting refugees." *(under review)*

"COVID19 & the Devolution of Asylum Norms," with Lama Mourad. *(working paper)*

"Do Ethics Matter? Documenting Discussions of Ethics in Published Research," with Johanna Rodehau Noack, M.P. Broache, and Sarah Cueva.

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

"Ill-Prepared: International Fieldwork Methods Training in Political Science" with Kate-Cronin Furman. *(working paper)*

Policy Publications (selected)

Book

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

Articles

"Sending Refugees Back Makes the World More Dangerous." 2019. *Foreign Policy*.

"Dowry and Division: Youth and State-Building in South Sudan," with Marc Sommers. 2011. *U.S. Institute of Peace Special Report*, 295.

Media & Commentary

"The Post-Conflict Politics of Migration and Refugee Return" International Security: Off the Page podcast, Episode 7, April 20, 2020.

"Could COVID-19 Upend International Asylum Norms?" with Lama Mourad. Lawfare. April 9, 2020.

"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.

Grants, Fellowships & Awards

American Political Science Association (APSA)
Migration & Citizenship Section, Best Dissertation Prize 2019
Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, Emerging Global Scholar Award 2019
Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), Stanford University
Postdoctoral Fellowship (*Declined*) 2018-2019

International Studies Association(ISA)-Women's Caucus (WCIS)
Best Graduate Student Paper 2017
Columbia Global Policy Initiative, Graduate Global Policy Award ($2,500) 2017
Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Teaching Scholar Fellowship 2017
National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant ($17,000) 2015-16
U.S. Institute of Peace, Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship ($20,000) 2015-16
Morris Abrams Award in International Relations ($3,000) 2015
Christian Johnson Endeavor Foundation, Columbia Global Policy Initiative
Field Research Grant ($3,770) 2014
Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Research Grant ($1,000) 2014
Columbia University Political Science Dept, Dissertation Development Grant ($3,000) 2014

Invited Talks

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Populists and the Pandemic lecture series 2020
Columbia University, Institute for the Study of Human Rights & the Department of Political Science 2020
University of Pennsylvania, Perry World House Seminar 2020
McGill University, Center for International Peace & Security Studies Seminar 2019
Fieldwork in Political Science Salon, Columbia University 2019
Columbia University Political Science Methods Workshop 2017
Department for International Development (DfID), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 2017
Burundi Working Group, Washington DC 2016
UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), Kasulu, Tanzania 2016
World Bank Y2Y Global Youth Forum, Washington, DC 2010

Conferences & Workshop Participation

International Women's Activism Conference, University of Southern California 2019
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Convention 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
Southern Political Science Association 2020
African Studies Association 2017
US-Islamic World Forum, New York City 2017

Teaching

University of Southern California
Qualitative Field Research Methods (graduate seminar) Fall 2019, Spring 2021
Forced Migration and Conflict (undergraduate seminar) Fall 2019, Spring 2021
Human Security and Humanitarian Intervention (undergraduate seminar) Fall 2020
Civil War, Peacebuilding, and International Intervention (undergraduate seminar) Spring 2020

Columbia University
Politics of Forced Migration (undergraduate seminar) Spring 2018

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, 2012
Teaching Fellow, Civilizations & Society in International Relations, Prof. Eric Blanchard Spring 2013
Teaching Fellow, Foreign Policy Decision-Making, Prof. Barbara Farnham Spring 2012

Advising

University of Southern California Dissertation Committee Member
Sarah Cueva
University of Southern California Senior Thesis Advisor
Megan Smith, Young-Kyung Kim

Guest Lectures

From Concept to Measure, Prof. Sarah Khan, Yale University 2021
Causes of War: Theory and Method, Prof. Erik Lin-Greenberg, Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2020
Human Rights in the 21st Century: Challenges in International Law and Advocacy, Dr. Alexander de la Paz, Columbia University High School Programs 2020, 2021
Field Research Methods, Prof Jaques Hymans, University of Southern California 2019
Ethnic Conflict, Prof. Nick Sambanis, University of Pennsylvania 2019
Nationalism & Contemporary World Politics, Prof. Jack Snyder, Columbia University 2017
Methods of Inquiry & Research Design, Prof. V. Page Fortna, Columbia University 2017
Introduction to Human Rights, Prof. Andrew Nathan, Columbia University 2016
Civil Wars and International Interventions in Africa, Prof. Severine Autesserre 2013, 2015
Order & Civilizations in International Relations, Prof. Eric Blanchard Columbia University 2013

Departmental Service

Co-organizer, Center for International Studies International Relations Seminar 2020-2021
Faculty Search Committee 2021
POIR Methods First Year Students Faculty Advisor 2019-2020
USC POIR First-Generation Diverse Students Summer Predoctoral Institute 2019, 2020, 2021
Organizer, Perry World House Research Seminar Series 2018-2019

University Service

USC Dornsife Prison Education Project, Faculty Forum Series Fall 2020, Fall 2019

Service to the Discipline

Reviewer: American Political Science Review; International Organization; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Ethnopolitics; Journal fo Refugee Studies; African Security Review

Workshop Organizer:
"Toward a Research Agenda on Refugee Return and Repeat Migration" Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania 2019

Consulting & Policy Work

Consultant, DAI 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

Research Tools

Languages: French (Professional working proficiency)
Applications: NVivo, Stata, R, LaTeX

References Available upon request

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