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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS/AFFILIATIONS**

**University of Massachusetts Boston**

Assistant Professor of Political Science September 2015-present

Affiliated Faculty, McCormack Graduate School of Policy

and Global Studies

**Harvard University**

Visiting Fellow, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics January-December 2020

**Brown University**

Postdoctoral Fellow in International Studies

Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs July 2016-2017;

July 2014-2015

**EDUCATION**

**The George Washington University**

Ph.D. Political Science, 2014

Major field: International Relations

Minor field: Comparative Politics

Ph.D. Dissertation: *Boomerang or Buckshot? Blame Diffusion in International Anti-hunger Advocacy*

**California State University, Los Angeles**

M.A. Political Science, 2008

MA Thesis: *Political Dimensions of Hunger:*

*The Accountability of National Governments*

**California State University, Fresno**

Smittcamp Family Honors College

B.A. English; Minor: Spanish, 2005

*Summa cum laude*

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Book*

Jurkovich, M. (2020). *Feeding the Hungry: Advocacy and Blame in the Global Fight Against Hunger*. Cornell University Press.

•International Studies Association, Northeast Book Circle Honoree, 2016

*Referred Journal Articles*

Finnemore, M. & Jurkovich, M. (2020) “The Politics of Aspiration.” *International Studies Quarterly*. Advance Access (online) publication date August 2020. https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqaa052

Jurkovich, M. (2020) “What Isn’t a Norm? Redefining the Conceptual Boundaries of “Norms” in the Human Rights Literature.” *International Studies Review*, 22(3): 693–711. Advance Access (online) publication date August 2019. https://doi.org/10.1093/isr/viz040

•2018 Best Paper Award, ISA International Law Section (for a paper presented in 2017)

Finnemore, M. & Jurkovich, M. (2014) “Getting a Seat at the Table: The Origins of Universal Participation and Modern Multilateral Conferences,” *Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism and International Organizations*, 20(3): 361-373.

*Additional publications (non peer-reviewed):*

“Who’s responsible for feeding hungry people?” (January 5, 2021). *New Security Beat* (Wilson Center blog). <https://www.newsecuritybeat.org/2021/01/whos-responsible-feeding-hungry-people/>

“What is…and isn’t…a norm?” (September 17, 2019). *Duck of Minerva* blog post. https://duckofminerva.com/2019/09/what-is-and-isnt-a-norm.html

“Taking ‘Professionalization in the Discipline’ with Lee Ann Fujii” *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*, 16 (1). Published online Spring 2019. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.2562290

“Venezuela has solved its hunger problem? Don’t believe the U.N.’s numbers.” (September 21, 2016) *The Washington Post* (Monkey Cage). https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/09/21/venezuela-has-solved-its-hunger-problem-dont-believe-the-u-n-s-numbers/

“Food is a Human Right” (October 15, 2015) *Duck of Minerva* blog post in honor of World Food Day. https://duckofminerva.com/2015/10/food-is-a-human-right.html

**SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*The Politics of Aspiration* (with Martha Finnemore, book project)

“Economic and Social Rights and the Arab Spring: Precursors to Popular Mobilization in Tunisia” (with Dina Bishara and Chantal Berman, under review)

“Economic and Social Rights in Development” (invited chapter for the Oxford Handbook on Economic and Social Rights edited by K. Young and M. Langford, early stages).

*Ethics and Emergency Food Assistance* (book project, early stages. Fieldwork completed in 2017-2018 in DRC, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Djibouti, and Malawi as an AAAS Fellow at USAID)

**SELECTED AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

**Kluge Fellowship**

Library of Congress 2020-2021

*Five month fellowship to work on new project examining variation in food ration composition and distribution. Fellowship dates TBD due to COVID-19.*

**Centennial Center Research Grant**

Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs Fall 2020

*Grant ($2500) awarded for research on “State Food Assistance Policies during COVID-19.” Funding provided from the* *William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Studies.*

**Dean’s Research Funding**

University of Massachusetts, Boston 2018-2021

*Awarded $5000 in research funding from the College of Liberal Arts Dean’s Research Fund.*

**Policy Engagement Fellowship**

Bridging The Gap Initiative 2019-2020

*Fellowship ($4000) provided annually to four scholars nationwide to fund new research projects in the 2019-2020 year which engage policy and practitioner communities in academic research.*

**Best Paper Award**

International Law Section, International Studies Association Spring 2018

*Award “recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of international law” for a paper presented at any regional or national convention in 2017. Awarded for paper “What isn’t a norm? Redefining the conceptual boundaries of ‘norms’ in the human rights literature.”*

**Science & Technology Policy Fellowship**

American Association For The Advancement Of Science Fall 2017-Summer 2018

*Awarded a one year fellowship from AAAS with a placement in the Office of Food for Peace, Policy and Technical Division at USAID. This national fellowship program selects scientists with expertise of use to the US Government and embeds them in Executive Branch agencies for one year to share their expertise and research as well as learn from the policy community.*

**Watson Collaborative Grant**

Brown University Fall 2016 (awarded)

*Awarded $10,000 to fund a project (co-directed with Dina Bishara) "Economic and Social Rights and the Arab Spring: Precursors to Popular Mobilization in Tunisia." The funds will be used towards a survey conducted in Tunisia to assess the relative importance of four different types of economic insecurity in encouraging popular mobilization: food insecurity, insufficient health care, unemployment and access to education.*

**Venture Research Grant**

International Studies Association Fall 2016 (awarded)

*Awarded $15,330 as a part of the ISA’s Venture Grant program to “provide support to innovative and pioneering research.” Grant will fund a workshop (co-organized with Melissa Lee) which will bring together scholars from around the world focusing on cutting edge research on economic and social rights norms and sovereignty norms. Workshop will be held in March 2017 at Brown University.*

**Workshop Grant**

United Nations Academic Impact Office

& the International Studies Association Summer 2016 (awarded)

*Co-organized a human security workshop selected for the “ISA at UNAI” program. Workshop will bring together academics and UN practitioners to discuss contemporary human security challenges (including food security, peacekeeping, and sexual violence), problem definitions, and proposed solutions. Workshop took place at the UN Headquarters in New York City in July 2017.*

**Northeast Circle Honoree**

International Studies Association, Northeast Fall 2016

*One honoree is selected by the International Studies Association, Northeast each year from an individual who is working on a first book project in international studies. As a part of this award, ISA NE will host a book workshop for my manuscript during the annual conference in Fall 2016.*

**Postdoctoral Fellowship** Summer 2014-2015;

Brown University Summer 2016-2017

*Two-year fellowship awarded at The Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University.*

**Summer Dissertation Fellowship** Summer 2013

The George Washington University

**Loughran Foundation Endowment**  Summer 2012

Dissertation Research Grant

**Hoffman Conference Travel Grant** Spring 2012

Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies (GW)

**ISA Travel Grant** Spring 2012

International Studies Association

**Pre-Dissertation Grant**  Summer 2011

American Consortium On EU Studies

**Millar Student Summer Travel** Summer 2011

Institute For European, Russian, And Eurasian Studies (GW)

**Department Fellowship** 2008-2014

The George Washington University

**AAUW Scholarship Recipient**  Spring 2006

American Association Of University Women, Fresno Branch

**President’s Scholar**  Fall 2001-Spring 2005

Smittcamp Family Honors College at California State University, Fresno

*Four year, full scholarship (tuition, housing, book allowance)*

**INVITED TALKS, WORKSHOPS & PRESENTATIONS**

Harvard University

*Invited presentation at the Center for Ethics Faculty Seminar* November 2020

University of Massachusetts Amherst

*Virtual book discussion* November 2020

Occidental College

*Virtual book discussion* November 2020

California State University, Fresno

*Virtual book discussion* October 2020

University of Cincinnati

*Virtual book discussion* September 2020

Responsible Public Engagement Institute, University of Denver

*Invited workshop participant*  September 2020 (postponed

due to COVID)

International Policy Summer Institute, American University

*Invited panelist for Bridging the Gap program on policy engagement* June 2020

Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, Boston College September 2019

*Invited participant for the workshop “Theories of Economic and Social Rights”*

International Policy Summer Institute, American University June 2019

*Invited panelist for “Peacebuilding and Development: Engaging with NGOs, Governments, and IOs”*

Tufts University April 2019

*Invited presentation by the Department of Political Science*

*and Tufts student organization Pi Sigma Alpha*

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) November 2018

*Co-organizer for a joint academic-practitioner workshop on new monitoring methods for sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) in humanitarian operations. Workshop is funded by USAID.*

Johns Hopkins School of Advanced and International Studies (SAIS) November 2018

*Invited speaker for a SAIS graduate student conference on the Future of Conflict to discuss the ethics of food assistance in emergency and refugee camp settings*

Johns Hopkins School of Advanced and International Studies (SAIS) October 2018

*Paper presentation for the Politics and Political Economy speaker series*

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) August 2018

*Presentation to the Office of Food for Peace of food security research findings from focus groups and interviews with food aid recipients in three refugee camps*

Northwestern University/American Bar Foundation June 2017

*Invited participant for the IO/IL workshop “Global order: Same as it ever was?”*

The University of Alabama November 2016

*Paper presentation for the Department of Political Science*

The Ohio State University October 2016

*Paper presentation for the Department of Political Science Research in*

*International Politics series.*

Harvard University March 2016

*Presentation for the Weatherhead Center of International Affairs Workshop on the Sustainability of the World’s Food and Farming Systems*

University of California Riverside February 2016

*Paper presentation in the Political Science department*

Occidental College February 2016

*Paper presentation sponsored by the U.N. Fund and the Department of Politics*

Social Justice and Human Rights Symposium

Amnesty International August 2015

*Invited participant for a one-day workshop on economic and social rights advocacy held at the Amnesty International Secretariat office in London, UK.*

Transnational Advocacy Networks:

Reflecting on 15 years of Evolving Theory and Practice May 2015

*Invited participant to two-day workshop on transnational advocacy, hosted by Peter Evans and Cesar Rodriguez-Garavito and held at Brown University*

University of Southern California April 2015

*One of four junior international relations scholars invited to participate in the USC*

*Junior Scholars Research Symposium sponsored by the Center for International Studies*

Reed College February 2015

*Public lecture co-sponsored by the Department of Sociology and the Department of Political Science*

Amnesty International (Brown Chapter) Film Series

*Invited guest speaker*  November 2014

Brown University October 2014

*Invited presentation at the Watson Institute’s Works-in-Progress Seminar*

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Bridging The Gap**

International Summer Policy Institute June 2015

*Invited participant for a week long training to help scholars bridge the gap between the policy and academic worlds with their research. Hosted by American University.*

**Institute For Qualitative** June 2011

**And Multi-Method Research**

*Participant in a two-week training sequence on qualitative methods hosted by the Consortium For Qualitative And Multi-Method Research at Syracuse University.*

**Summer Institute On Conducting Archival Research**  May 2011

*Invited participant for a training sequence in conducting archival research. Hosted by the George Washington University (funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation).*

# POLICY EXPERIENCE

**AAAS Science And Technology Fellow** Sept. 2017-Aug. 2018

Office Of Food For Peace

*United States Agency For International Development (USAID)*

**Food Security, Technical Team Visit**

Malawi June 2018

*United States Agency For International Development (USAID)*

*Met with government officials, INGOs, and conducted focus groups and individual interviews with women and youth for USAID’s Office Of Food For Peace.*

**Emergency Programming, Technical Team Visit**

Djibouti April 2018

*United States Agency for International Development (USAID)*

*Conducted focus groups and individual interviews with women and youth in three refugee camps to inform gender and youth considerations in emergency food security programming at USAID’s Office of Food for Peace.*

**Development Programing, Technical Team Visit**  November 2017

Zimbabwe

*United States Agency for International Development (USAID)*

*Assisted the gender and youth technical team for USAID’s Office of Food for Peace in conducting interviews and focus groups with development program participants in various regions of Zimbabwe.*

**Refine And Implement Workshop**  October 2017

Democratic Republic Of Congo

*United States Agency For International Development (USAID)*

*Assisted the gender and youth technical team for USAID’s Office Of Food For Peace in a workshop refining multi-year assistance projects in DRC.*

**Selected Participant, Young Leaders Conference** November 2010

*U.S. Department Of State and the Institute For International Education*

*Fully funded participant—one of 48 American “future leaders” selected to attend a week-long conference with 150 central and eastern European future leaders in Prague, Czech Republic*

**White House Intern** Sept. 2005-Dec. 2005

*Executive Office of the President of the United States of America*

*Intern working in the Office of Presidential Scheduling in the White House.*

**Scholar Intern**

*Kenneth L. Maddy Institute for Public Affairs* Spring-Summer 2005

*Intern for Congressman George Radanovich in his Fresno, CA and Washington, DC offices.*

**SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

International Studies Association, Annual Meeting 2019; 2018; 2017; 2016; 2015; 2014; 2013; 2012; 2011

American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting 2019; 2017; 2011; 2010

International Meeting on Law and Society (Mexico City) 2017

International Studies Association, Northeast 2020 (expected); 2019; 2018; 2016; 2015; 2014; 2013

Joint ISSS-ISAC Conference: Bridging the Academic/Policy Divide 2013

Annual Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching 2013

Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting 2016, 2013

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Courses Taught*

**University of Massachusetts Boston**

International Relations: Theories & Concepts (graduate)

Theories of International Relations (undergraduate)

Human Security (graduate)

The Politics of Food Security (undergraduate)

Introduction to International Relations (undergraduate)

**Brown University**

The Politics of Food Security (undergraduate)

**The George Washington University**

Human Rights (undergraduate)

**California State University, Los Angeles**

American Government & Society (undergraduate)

*Teaching Award*

**Honorable Mention, Philip Amsterdam Graduate Teaching Assistant Award**

**For Outstanding Teaching**

The George Washington University Spring 2010

*Additional Experience*

**Future Faculty Program** Sept-December 2013

*The George Washington University*

*Selected participant in a weekly workshop series designed to prepare future professors to engage in active learning techniques, effective student assessment, and course design.*

**Writing In The Discipline:**

**Workshop Series On The Teaching Of Writing**  Sept 2012-May 2013

*The George Washington University*

*Selected participant in a six seminar workshop series designed to prepare future professors to teach writing to undergraduate students in the discipline*

**Graduate Teaching Assistant** Fall 2008-Spring 2013

Introduction to International Relations &

Introduction to Comparative Politics

*The George Washington University and the Women’s Leadership Program*

**English Tutor**  Oct. 2006-April 2008

*Los Angeles Unified School District*

*Weekly tutor in South Central, Los Angeles to students enrolled in federally designated “failing” schools*

**SERVICE**

**Community**

Voting Member, City of Boston Food Access Council Fall 2019-present

**University of Massachusetts Boston**

College of Liberal Arts Faculty Senate Fall 2019-present

College of Liberal Arts Standards and Credits Committee Fall 2020-present

Department Grants Committee Fall 2020-present

Department Personnel Committee Fall 2018-Spring 2020

Faculty Board for the MPA in International Relations Spring 2016-present

Undergraduate Student Advising Fall 2015-present

Undergraduate, Masters, & Doctoral Thesis/Dissertation Committees Fall 2015-present

Alamgir Lecture and Award Committee Fall 2018-Spring 2019

Department Curriculum Committee Fall 2015-Spring 2016

Political Science Forum Committee Fall 2015-Spring 2016

**International Studies Association, International Law Section**

Best Paper Award Committee Chair Fall 2018-Spring 2019

**American Association for the Advancement of Science**

Application Reviewer, AAAS Science and Technology Fellowship Fall 2020

**Brown University**

Undergraduate Thesis Committees 2014-2017

BIARI Alumni Grant Committee Fall 2016

**The George Washington University**

Co-Chair of the Graduate Student Caucus (Political Science Dept.) Winter 2010-Spring 2012

**Reviewer**

*International Studies Review; International Studies Quarterly; International Organization; International Affairs; Global Policy; Journal of Asian and African Studies*

**REFERENCES**

Available upon request.

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