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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 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

Finnemore, M. & Jurkovich, M. "The Politics of Aspiration." Forthcoming in *International Studies Quarterly*.

Jurkovich, M. "What Isn't a Norm? Redefining the Conceptual Boundaries of "Norms" in the Human Rights Literature" *International Studies Review*. 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*, 20(3): 361-373

Additional publications (non peer-reviewed):

“[What is...and isn't...a norm?](#)” (September 17, 2019). *Duck of Minerva* blog post.

“[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).

“[Food is a Human Right](#)” (October 15, 2015) *Duck of Minerva* blog post in honor of World Food Day.

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Feeding the Hungry: Advocacy and Blame in the Global Fight Against Hunger
(forthcoming with *Cornell University Press*. Print release October 2020)

- International Studies Association, Northeast Book Circle Honoree, 2016

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)

“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).

Ethical Dilemmas in Emergency Food Assistance (book project, early stages. Fieldwork completed 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.

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 GrantUnited 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 hunger and environmental sustainability), problem definitions, and proposed solutions. Workshop will take place at the UN Headquarters in New York City in July 2017.

Northeast Circle Honoree

International Studies Association, Northeast

Spring 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

Brown University

Summer 2014-2015;

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

Responsible Public Engagement Institute, University of Denver September 2020 (expected)
Invited workshop participant

International Policy Summer Institute, American University June 2020
Invited zoom panelist for Bridging the Gap program on policy engagement

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
 Guest speaker, Amnesty International (Brown Chapter) Film Series November 2014

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 And Multi-Method Research

June 2011

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 June 2018
Malawi
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 April 2018
Djibouti
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 Spring-Summer 2005
Kenneth L. Maddy Institute for Public Affairs
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	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)
 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 from 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
Department Personnel Committee Fall 2018-present
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

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

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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