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ACADEMIC POSITIONS/AFFILIATIONS

University of Massachusetts Boston

Assistant Professor of Political Science
Affiliated Faculty, McCormack Graduate School of Policy
and Global Studies

September 2015-present

Harvard University

Visiting Fellow, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics

January 2020-present

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):

“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.

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

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

The George Washington University

Summer 2013

Loughran Foundation Endowment

Dissertation Research Grant

Summer 2012

Hoffman Conference Travel Grant

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

Spring 2012

ISA Travel Grant

International Studies Association

Spring 2012

Pre-Dissertation Grant

American Consortium On EU Studies

Summer 2011

Millar Student Summer Travel

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

Summer 2011

Department Fellowship

The George Washington University

2008-2014

AAUW Scholarship Recipient

American Association Of University Women, Fresno Branch

Spring 2006

President's Scholar

Smittcamp Family Honors College at California State University, Fresno

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

Fall 2001-Spring 2005

INVITED TALKS, WORKSHOPS & PRESENTATIONS

Harvard University

Invited presentation at the Center for Ethics Faculty Seminar November 2020 (expected)

University of Massachusetts Amherst

Virtual book discussion November 2020 (expected)

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 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

Office Of Food For Peace Sept. 2017-Aug. 2018
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

Zimbabwe November 2017
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

Democratic Republic Of Congo October 2017
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	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

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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