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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-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
- Subject of HDiplo/ISSF Roundtable (May 2021); Reviewed in the *Times Literary Supplement* (June 2021)

- World Food Policy Center’s Leading Voices in Food podcast discussion of the book (February 24, 2021): <https://wfpc.sanford.duke.edu/podcasts/society-hunger-conundrum-who-blame-and-who-responsible-now>
- New Books Network podcast discussion of the book (February 7, 2022): <https://newbooksnetwork.com/feeding-the-hungry>

Referred Journal Articles

Finnemore, M. & Jurkovich, M. (2020) “The Politics of Aspiration.” *International Studies Quarterly*, 64(4): 759–769. Advance Access (online) publication date August 2020.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqaa052>

- 2021 Best Post-PhD Paper Award, ISA International Theory Section

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 Post-PhD Paper Award, ISA International Law Section
- 2020 & 2021 Designated “high-impact article” by *International Studies Review*

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 and policy engagement:

Jurkovich, M. (2021) “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/>

Jurkovich, M. (2019) “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>.

Jurkovich, M. (2019) “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>.

Jurkovich, M. (2016) “Venezuela has solved its hunger problem? Don’t believe the U.N.’s numbers.” (September 21) *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>.

Jurkovich, M. (2015) “Food is a Human Right” (October 15) *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

Under contract/Under review

Finnemore, M. & Jurkovich, M. *Aspiration in World Politics*. Under advance contract with Cornell University Press.

Jurkovich, M. "Development Aid and Economic and Social Rights" (chapter for the *Oxford Handbook on Economic and Social Rights* edited by K. Young and M. Langford). Under contract.

Bishara, D., Jurkovich, M. & Berman, C. "Citizens' Understanding of the Social Contract: Lessons from Tunisia." Invited to revise and resubmit.

Berman, C., Bishara, D. & Jurkovich, M. "Retrospective Grievance Narratives in Post-Revolutionary Societies: Evidence from Tunisia." Under review.

In progress

Jurkovich, M. *Good Enough for Them? Ethics and Politics in the Construction of the Food Ration* (book project, data collection stage)

SELECTED AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Special Project Fund

Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs Spring 2022
Co-PI (with Carolyn Holmes, Mary Ann Mendoza, and Meg Guliford). Grant awarded to host a second round multi-day research workshop at UMass Boston in Fall 2022 entitled "Telling It Like It Is: Descriptive Work and Political Science (Part 2)" (\$25,000)

Pedagogical Innovation Award

University of Massachusetts, Boston Spring 2022
Awarded by the College of Liberal Arts for my Politics of Food Security undergraduate course. (\$1000)

Dean's Research Funding

University of Massachusetts, Boston 2018-2024
Awarded research funding from the College of Liberal Arts Dean's Research Fund. Repurposed and awarded again after pandemic disruption (approx. \$7000)

Best Conference Post-PhD Paper Award

International Theory Section, International Studies Association Fall 2021
Award "seeks to honor excellent work in theorizing international politics across the plurality of theoretical approaches." Awarded for paper "The Politics of Aspiration" co-authored with Martha Finnemore.

Centennial Center Research Grant

Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs Fall 2021
Co-PI (with Carolyn Holmes, Mary Ann Mendoza, and Meg Guliford). Grant awarded to host a multi-day research workshop at UMass Boston in Spring 2022 entitled "Telling It Like It Is: Descriptive Work and Political Science." Funding provided through the 2nd Century Fund. (\$10,000)

Kluge Fellowship

Library of Congress 2020-2021
Fellowship to work on project examining variation in food ration composition and distribution. Fellowship date postponed to April-August 2021 due to COVID-19. (\$25,000)

Centennial Center Research Grant

Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs Fall 2020
Grant awarded for project "State Food Assistance Policies during COVID-19." Funding provided from the William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Studies to support two UMB student research assistants. (\$2500)

Policy Engagement Fellowship

Bridging The Gap Initiative 2019-2020
Fellowship provided to four scholars nationwide to fund research projects in the 2019-2020 year to facilitate bridging the gap between academia and policy and practitioner communities (\$4000)

TMC Workshop Participation Grant

Washington Post/The Monkey Cage Summer 2018
Awarded funding to participate in a pre-APSA workshop to increase public engagement with research on the topics of hunger, health, and poverty. (\$1500)

Best Post-PhD Paper Award

International Law Section, International Studies Association Spring 2018
Award "recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of international law" for a paper presented 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. Fellowship included professional development funds. (approx. \$97,000)

Watson Collaborative Grant

Brown University Fall 2016 (awarded)
Co-PI with Dina Bishara. Grant awarded to fund the project "Economic and Social Rights and the Arab Spring: Precursors to Popular Mobilization in Tunisia." The funds will be used towards a nationally representative survey conducted in Tunisia. (\$10,000)

Venture Research Grant

International Studies Association

Fall 2016 (awarded)

Co-PI with Melissa Lee. Grant awarded as a part of the ISA's Venture Grant program to "provide support to innovative and pioneering research." Grant will fund a workshop 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. (\$15,330)

Workshop GrantUnited Nations Academic Impact Office
& the International Studies Association

Summer 2016 (awarded)

Co-organized (with Anjali Dayal, Kerry Crawford, and David Andersen-Rodgers) a human security workshop selected for the "ISA at UNAI" program. Workshop brought 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. Small grant defrayed co-organizer travel expenses.

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. ISA NE hosts a book manuscript workshop at the annual conference for the honoree.

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. (approx. \$114,000)

Summer Dissertation Fellowship

The George Washington University

Summer 2013

Loughran Foundation Endowment

Dissertation Research Grant (GW)

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

SELECTED INVITED TALKS, WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

International Policy Summer Institute, American University <i>Invited panelist for Bridging the Gap program</i>	June 2022
Illinois Institute of Technology <i>Invited book presentation for the "Great Problems, Great Minds" series</i>	April 2022
University of Cambridge Center for Development Studies <i>Virtual book discussion</i>	February 2022
Johns Hopkins University Berman Institute for Bioethics <i>Invited presentation on ethics and food policy</i>	February 2022
University of Georgia <i>Invited presentation for IR speaker series</i>	February 2022
Northwestern University <i>Book discussion for the IR Speaker Series</i>	November 2021
University of Maryland, College Park <i>Virtual book discussion</i>	October 2021
Rutgers University, Newark <i>Virtual book discussion</i>	October 2021
California State University, Sacramento <i>Virtual book discussion</i>	April 2021
Boston University <i>Virtual book discussion</i>	April 2021
Temple University <i>Virtual book discussion</i>	March 2021
Harvard University <i>Invited presentation (with Martha Finnemore) at the Center for Ethics Faculty Seminar</i>	November 2020
University of Massachusetts Amherst <i>Virtual book discussion</i>	November 2020
University of Massachusetts Boston <i>Virtual book discussion</i>	November 2020
Occidental College <i>Virtual book discussion</i>	November 2020
California State University, Fresno <i>Virtual book discussion</i>	October 2020
University of Cincinnati <i>Virtual book discussion</i>	September 2020
Responsible Public Engagement Institute, University of Denver <i>Invited workshop participant</i>	September 2020 (postponed due to COVID)
International Policy Summer Institute, American University	

<i>Invited panelist for Bridging the Gap program on policy engagement</i>	June 2020
Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, Boston College	September 2019
<i>Invited participant for the workshop "Theories of Economic and Social Rights"</i>	
International Policy Summer Institute, American University	June 2019
<i>Invited panelist for "Peacebuilding and Development: Engaging with NGOs, Governments, and IOs"</i>	
Tufts University	April 2019
<i>Invited presentation to Tufts student organization Pi Sigma Alpha</i>	
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	November 2018
<i>Co-organizer for a joint academic-practitioner workshop on new monitoring methods for sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) in humanitarian operations. Workshop funded by USAID.</i>	
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced and International Studies (SAIS)	November 2018
<i>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</i>	
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced and International Studies (SAIS)	October 2018
<i>Paper presentation (with Martha Finnemore) for the Politics and Political Economy speaker series</i>	
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	August 2018
<i>Presentation (with Jennifer Baca) to the Office of Food for Peace on food security research findings from focus groups and interviews with food aid recipients in three refugee camps</i>	
Northwestern University/American Bar Foundation	June 2017
<i>Invited participant for the IO/IL workshop "Global order: Same as it ever was?"</i>	
The University of Alabama	November 2016
<i>Paper presentation for the Department of Political Science</i>	
The Ohio State University	October 2016
<i>Paper presentation for the Department of Political Science Research in International Politics series.</i>	
Harvard University	March 2016
<i>Presentation for the Weatherhead Center of International Affairs Workshop on the Sustainability of the World's Food and Farming Systems</i>	
University of California Riverside	February 2016
<i>Paper presentation in the Political Science department</i>	
Occidental College	February 2016
<i>Paper presentation sponsored by the U.N. Fund and the Department of Politics</i>	
Social Justice and Human Rights Symposium	
Amnesty International	August 2015
<i>Invited participant for a one-day workshop on economic and social rights advocacy held at the Amnesty International Secretariat office in London, UK.</i>	
Transnational Advocacy Networks:	
Reflecting on 15 years of Evolving Theory and Practice	May 2015
<i>Invited participant to two-day workshop on transnational advocacy, hosted by Peter Evans and</i>	

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 November 2014
Invited guest speaker

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

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	2022; 2021; 2019; 2018; 2017; 2016; 2015; 2014; 2013; 2012; 2011
American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting	2021; 2019; 2017; 2011; 2010
International Meeting on Law and Society (Mexico City)	2017
International Studies Association, Northeast	2021; 2020; 2019; 2018; 2016; 2015; 2014; 2013
American Sociological Association, Sociology of Development Section Annual Conference	2015
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**

Human Security (graduate)

The Politics of Food Security (undergraduate)

International Relations: Theories & Concepts (graduate)

Theories of International Relations (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

SERVICE

Community

Participant, City of Boston Food Access Council

Fall 2019-present

University of Massachusetts Boston

Model United Nations Faculty Advisor

Fall 2022 (expected)

College of Liberal Arts

Ad Hoc Senate Committee on Sabbaticals and CLRs

Spring 2022-present

College of Liberal Arts Faculty Senator

Fall 2019-present

Department Grants Committee, Chair

Fall 2020-present

Undergraduate Student Major Advisor

Fall 2015-present

Undergraduate, Masters, & Doctoral Thesis/Dissertation Committees

Fall 2015-present

Undergraduate Program Director, International Relations Major

Fall 2021

College of Liberal Arts Standards and Credits Committee	Fall 2020-Spring 2021
Faculty Board for the MA in International Relations	Spring 2016-2021
Department Personnel Committee	Fall 2018-Spring 2020
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
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American Association for the Advancement of Science

Application Reviewer, AAAS Science and Technology Fellowship	Fall 2020
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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
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Reviewer

International Studies Review; International Studies Quarterly; International Organization; International Theory; International Affairs; Global Policy; Global Studies Quarterly; Journal of International Relations and Development; Journal of Asian and African Studies; University of Georgia Press; Carnegie Corporation

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