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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Kent State University
Director, School for Multidisciplinary Social Sciences and Humanities, 2022-present
Interim Director, School for Multidisciplinary Social Sciences and Humanities, 2021-2022
Associate Professor, 2013 - present
Assistant Professor, 2007- 2013
Visiting Assistant Professor, 2006- 2007
University of Akron, Akron, Ohio
Adjunct Lecturer, Political Science, multiple semesters, 2001-2006
Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio
Adjunct Lecturer, Political Science, 2005-2006
Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio
Adjunct Lecturer, Political Science, Fall 2005
Visiting Instructor, Political Science, 2002-2003
American University, Washington, D.C.
Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Government, 1999-2000

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, American University, 2006
Master of Arts, American University, 2000
Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, University of Massachusetts Lowell, 1995

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2017. *Non-State Actors: Influence, Adaptation, and Political Change*. (Editor) Research in Social Movements, Conflict and Change, series, vol. 41. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing Group.
2009. *Death Squads or Self-Defense Forces? How Paramilitary Groups Emerge and Challenge Democracy in Latin America*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press.

Peer Reviewed Articles

2022. "Kids Today: They Care, but They Don't Think We Do," with Andrew Barnes, Oindrila Roy, and George Poluse. *Journal of Political Science Education*. Published online 26 July. DOI: 10.1080/15512169.2022.2099878
2021. "The Extraordinary Rendition Network: Illiberal Security Complexes and Global Governance," with Todd Nelson. *International Journal of Human Rights*. Published online 13 October. <<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13642987.2021.1982905>>
2012. "Negotiating Domestic Socialism with Global Capitalism: So-Called Tourist Apartheid in Cuba," *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*. <<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.postcomstud.2012.02.003>>
2011. "Finding Shame in Truth: The Importance of Public Engagement in Truth Commissions," *Human Rights Quarterly*. 33:2 (May), 431-452.

2009. "You Got It, So When Do You Flaunt It? Building Rapport, Intersectionality, and the Strategic Deployment of Gender in the Field," *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*. 38:3 (June), 358-383. With Erin O'Brien.
2002. "Cuba's Quest for Economic Independence," *Journal of Latin American Studies*. 34:2 (May), 325-363. With William M. LeoGrande.

Book Chapters

2023. "Science and Epistemology as Territory in Conflict: the U.S. Occupation and Violence Against Academics in Iraq," In *Militias, States, and Violence against Civilians: Civic Vice, Civic Virtue*. Johnson, P. and Wittels, W. eds. Routledge.
2022. "Landowners, Politicians, and the Threat from Below: Emergence and Evolution of Paramilitary Groups in Chiapas, Mexico," In *Paramilitary Groups and the State under Globalization: Political Violence, Elites, and Security*. Hristov, J., Sprague, J., and Taus, A. (Eds.). Routledge.

Book Review

2015. *Torture: A Sociology of Violence and Human Rights* by Lisa Hajjar, in *Global Security and Intelligence Studies*, Fall.

Media and Public Outreach

2022. "[Cooling down political discourse.](#)" Invited appearance on local NBC affiliate, WFMJ. October 31.
2021. "[Accountability for Insurrectionists Is an Act of Unity.](#)" *Akron Beacon Journal*. January 15.
2021. "[Being Able to Separate Fact from Fiction Will Save a Government Of, By, and For the People.](#)" *Cleveland Plain Dealer* and *cleveland.com*. Published on-line February 7.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- "Targeting Civilians: The Gendered Impact of Non-State Violent Actors." Proposed special edition, peer-review journal, to be submitted to *Terrorism and Political Violence* in Fall 2023. Guest Editor and Contributing Author. The proposal is the culmination of work emanating from the International Studies Association Workshop Grant (PI), 2022. *In progress*.
- "Patriarchal Imperialism and the U.S. Occupation of Iraq," in preparation for inclusion in a special edition, peer-review publication (journal or edited volume). *In progress*.
- "Process Tracing and Non-State Violent Actors: ensuring methodological rigor in the study of NSVAs (without getting yourself killed)." with Sweta Sen. *In progress*
- "The Consequences of Unregulated Resources: The U.S. as Supplier of Irregular Armed Organizations in Iraq."
- "We brought 'the state back in' too far: what the invasion of Iraq teaches us about 'the state' and political violence."
- "Sidestepping Dominant Discourse: Undermining the Violators' Hegemony When Truth Commissions Fail to Do So."

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2023. *Research Workshop*, PI. International Studies Association Annual Conference. “Targeting Civilians: The Gendered Impact of Non-State Violent Actors.”
- “Patriarchal Imperialism and the U.S. Occupation of Iraq,” prepared for the “Targeting Civilians: The Gendered Impact of Non-State Violent Actors” Research Workshop (PI), Annual Conference of the International Studies Association.
2021. “Science and Epistemology as Territory in Conflict: the U.S. Occupation and Violence Against Academics in Iraq.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, via Zoom. April.
2020. “Studying Non-state Violent Actors ... Safely.” Accepted for presentation at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, Hawaii, March. Cancelled due to pandemic.
2018. “Process Tracing and Armed Groups: How to Study and Report on Violent Actors without Getting Yourself Killed.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April.
2016. “U.S. Foreign Policy and Paramilitarism: El Salvador and Iraq.” Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico. January.
2015. “The Consequences of Unregulated Resources: The U.S. as Supplier of Irregular Armed Organizations in Iraq.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April.
2014. “We brought ‘the state back in’ too far: what the invasion of Iraq teaches us about ‘the state’ and political violence.” International Studies Association, Midwest, Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO. November.
2012. “Extremely Preliminary Findings on the Role of International Factors in PMG Emergence in Post-US Invasion Iraq.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April.
2010. “Sidestepping Dominant Discourse: Undermining the Violators’ Hegemony When Truth Commissions Fail to Do So.” Midwest Association for Latin American Studies Annual Conference. St. Louis, MO. November.
2010. “Tourist Apartheid and Cuba’s Economic Strategy.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. April.
2008. “Imperiling the Democratic Peace: The Contradiction of U.S. Commitment to Fundamental Human Rights and U.S. Torture Policy.” With Todd Nelson. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April.
2008. “Finding Shame in Truth: The Importance of Public Engagement in Truth Commissions.” International Studies Association Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA. March.
2006. “Armed and Dangerous: Factors in the Emergence of Colombia’s Paramilitary Groups.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April.
2005. “You Got It, So When Do You Flaunt It? Fieldwork Settings and the Strategic Deployment of Gender.” With Erin O’Brien. American Political Science Association Annual Conference. Washington, D.C. September.
2002. “Paramilitary Groups: Emergence, Allies, and Politics in Chiapas, Mexico.” Midwest Latin American Association Annual Conference. Nashville, TN. October.
2001. “Not the ‘Mothers of Charity’: Colombia’s Paramilitaries.” Midwest Latin American Association Annual Conference. Cleveland, OH. October.
2001. “Unmasking the Paramilitaries in Mexico.” Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference. Philadelphia, PA. November.
1999. “Sticky Frames: Birth Control and Woman Suffrage in the Social Schema.” Northeastern American Political Science Association Annual Conference.

Philadelphia, PA. November.

INVITED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- 2016. “Getting over ‘The State’: What the Occupation of Iraq Teaches Us about Statism and Political Violence.” Peace Science Society Workshop: A Medley of Militias. Peace Science Society Annual Conference, Notre Dame.
- 2014. “Paramilitary Emergence, Chiapas, Mexico.” 21st Century Latin America: Conflict and Post-Conflict Violence. Handa Center for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence. St. Andrews University.

INVITED LECTURES AND TALKS

- 2023. Human Journeys: Crossing Borders for Life. Lifelong Learning Consortium. Akron, OH.
- 2020. TalkBalk, Kent State University School of Theatre and Dance production of *Parade*.
- 2019. Response and Responsibility: How to Address Grave Violence Beyond Our Borders, City Club of Cleveland
- 2019. Panel on Supporting the Whole Student, Faculty Academy for Student Success, KSU
- 2018. The Graduate School Experience, Baldwin Wallace University
- 2016. Cuba and the U.S., Great Decisions Speaker Series, Hudson Public Library

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- 2022. International Studies Association Workshop Grant. “Targeting Civilians: The Gendered Impact of Non-State Violent Actors,” PI. Research workshop held March, 2023.
- 2021. College of Arts and Sciences Restart Research and Scholarship Award, Kent State University
- 2021. Recipient, Kent State University MAC Outstanding Faculty for Student Success Award
- 2016. Co-Recipient, University Research Council Research/Scholarly Activity Support (Grant), Kent State University, with Todd Nelson
- 2016. Nominated, Kuhn Advising Award, Kent State University
- 2014. Co-Recipient, Assessment Grant, Advisory Committee on Academic Assessment, Provost’s Office, Kent State University, with Andrew Barnes
- 2012. Co-Recipient, Summer Teaching Development Grant, University Teaching Council, Kent State University, with Joshua Stacher
- 2012. Recipient, American Fellowships Program (Research Grant), American Association of University Women
- 2012. Finalist, Kent State University Alumni Association Distinguished Teaching Award (DTA)
- 2011. Recipient, College of Arts & Sciences Distinguished Teacher Award, Kent State University
- 2010. Recipient, Mothers, Mentors and Muses Recognition, Women’s Resource Center, Kent State University
- 2009. Recipient, College of Arts & Sciences Distinguished Teacher Award, Kent State University
- 2008. Recipient, Graduate Applause Award, Kent State University
- 2007. Recipient, NTT Performance-Based Bonus, Kent State University
- 2007. Recipient, Spirit of Women Award, Women’s Resource Center, Kent State University

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Dissertation Committee Chair

- Elsa Barletta Gonzales, *Gangs and Violence against Women in the Northern Triangle of Central America*, in progress
- Harun Rashid, *Structural Violence in Majoritarian democracy: Cases from US and India*, in

progress

- Laura Carvajal Mendez, *Foreign aid and structural violence: an examination of how the self-help development discourse interacts with alienation in the context of Colombia*, in progress
- Anna Hutcheson, *Transnational Activism and the Prosecution of Wartime Rape: Norm Fortification at the ICC*, 2023
- Kristen Traynor, *Capturing Influence: Elite and Media Framing of Prisoner Treatment at Guantanamo Bay*, 2018

Dissertation Committee Co-Chair

- Sweta Sen, *When Rebels Talk Human Rights: Non-State Armed Groups and Humanitarian Agreements*, 2019
- Todd Nelson, *Creating a Useable History: Control and Manipulation of Discourse about the Stalinist Period of Soviet History by the Political Elite in Contemporary Russia*, 2013
- Christine Mutuku, *Youth Perspectives on their Empowerment in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Case of Kenya*, 2011

Dissertation Committee Member

- Joe Kusluch, *The Political Economy of Contentious Politics in Russia: Protests during Economic Turbulence 2007-2018*, in progress
- Ainura Kenzhetayeva, *Small and Medium-Size Entrepreneurship in Central Asia after Transition to Market Economy: Case of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan*, in progress
- Adhik Badal, *Ethnic Uprising in Nepal's Tarai: The Making of Madhesi Identity in the Post-Civil War Transition*, 2023
- Laine Seliga, *(Re)constructing U.N. Gender Discourses: A Queer Analysis of the Gender-Responsive Peacebuilding Strategy*, 2023
- Maxwell Adjei, *Assessing the Role of National Peace Infrastructures in Conflict Prevention: A Study of Ghana's National Peace Council*, 2022
- Eli Kaul, *The Evolution of the Security Services of Ukraine: Institutional Change in the Post-Soviet Security Apparatus*, 2022
- Amanda Clark, *You're Not Worthy: Social Construction of Trafficking Victims and its Impact on Human Trafficking Policy*, 2018
- Denise Jenison (History), *"In Accordance with the Best Traditions of American Democracy": Arab Americans, Zionists, and the Debate over Palestine, 1940-1948*, (History) 2017
- Vasili Rukhadze, *The Causes of Post-Mobilization Leadership Change and Continuity: Comparative Analysis of Post-Color Revolution Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, and Georgia*, 2014
- Gabriella Paar-Jakli, *Knowledge Sharing and Networking in Transatlantic Relations*, 2010

MA Thesis Committee Chair

- Lisa Seymour, 2010 (December)

Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis Director

- Ryan Moranelli, 2021
- Anna Sinclair, 2021
- Megan Swoger, 2018
- Katie Moorman, 2018
- Jhanisse Vaca Daza, 2016
- Michaela Kline, 2015
- Sarah Jane Krisanda, 2013
- Lindsey Murphy, 2011
- Tom Banyas, 2010
- Lisa Kurz, 2008

COURSES TAUGHT

- Graduate Seminar: Political Violence
- Graduate Special Topics Seminar: Human Rights
- Graduate Seminar: International Political Economy and Development Policy

Graduate course (single credit): College Teaching in Political Science
Undergraduate Seminar: Political Violence & “Low-Intensity Conflict:” Between War and Peace
Human Rights and Social Justice
Politics of Developing Countries/Development
U.S. Foreign Policy
Latin American Politics
Comparative Foreign Policy
Politics of the Global Economy
Politics of Social Movements
Introduction to Comparative Politics
World Politics/Introduction to International Relations
*Taught abroad one-time at the PUCPR in Brazil
The New Pangaea: Your Role in our Global Community
First Year Experience course (single credit course)
War and Peace
Introduction to Political Research/Research Methods
Introduction to American Politics
Introduction to Political Science
Critical Thinking

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to the Field

Country Expert (El Salvador), Varieties of Democracy Project, Varieties of Democracy Institute,
University of Gothenburg, Sweden, 2018-2021
Mentor, Scholar Rescue Fund, 2019
Section Chair, International Conflict Processes, Midwest Political Science Association, 2018-2019

Journal or Book Reviewer/Referee

Journal of Politics in Latin America; Political Studies; International Journal of Transitional Justice; Cambridge Review of International Affairs; The Global South; Social Identities: Journal for the Study of Race, Nation, and Culture; Third World Quarterly; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Contemporary Ethnography; The Latin Americanist; Ethnography; Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change; Journal of Ecotourism; Journal of African Studies and Development; Westview Press, Pearson; McGraw-Hill; W. W. Norton & Company; Oxford University Press; Longman Publishers; Wadsworth

Service to the University

Project Owner (aka team lead) for Refuge, Kent State Working Group, Academic Affairs Strategic Planning. 2023-present
Organizer, “SAR: Kent State University” fund-raising campaign
Organizer, “Women: Voices of Leadership, Voices from the Margins; Scholars At Risk” Speaker Series, Kent State University. 2023-2024
Administrative Representative to the Joint Appeals Board, 2022-2023
co-Chair, Subcommittee for Institution, Faculty, and Staff and Member, KSU chapter of SEA Change, an DEI initiative of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, 2022-present
Member, Associate Provost Search Committee, 2022-2023
Member, Dean’s Review Committee (Dean Hannon), 2022-present
DEI Strategic Planning Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2021-present
University Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee, 2021-present
Student Success Subcommittee, Academic Affairs Strategic Planning Committee, 2021-2022
Member, Advisory Committee, Anti-Racism and Equity Institute, 2021-present
Co-Chair, FYE Revision Sub-Committee, Student Committee of GPI, 2018-2023

Faculty Affiliate, Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, 2020-2021
 Member, Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion Committee, School of Peace and Conflict Studies, 2018-2021
 Member, Ad Hoc on Race, Great Places Initiative, 2018-2020
 Member, Great Places Initiative, Student Committee, 2018-2020
 Member, Great Places Initiative, Student Sense of Belonging (sub)Committee, 2018-2020
 Undergraduate Research Symposium, Judge, 2020
 Coordinator, Working Group on Climate, Women's Center Action Council, 2018-2019
 Member, Working Group on Graduate to Graduate Education revisions, GDAC, 2019
 Guest Lecturer, "Your First Class" DKS Experience, 2015-2019
 Invited Participant, Faculty Institute for Student Success, 2017-2018; resulting four-part brown bag series entitled "More than Mottos: Teaching KSU's *You Belong Here* and POL's *For People Who Care to Matter*," delivered fall 2018
 Member and Event Panelist, Women in Academia Collaborative, 2017-2018
 "Safe Spaces" Speaker Series Faculty Organizer, 2015-2018
 University Steward, 2016-2018
 Graduate Fellowship Award Selection Committee, 2018
 3Minute Thesis Judge, 2017
 Graduate Student Orientation Panelist

Service to the College of Arts and Sciences

College of Arts and Sciences DEI Strategic Planning Committee, 2021-2022
 Member, Award Committee, Graduate Studies Council, College of Arts and Sciences, 2018-2019
 Member, Search Committee, Director for School of Peace and Conflict Studies, 2017-2018
 Classroom Enhancement Committee, Bowman Hall, 2007-2008

Service to the School of Multidisciplinary Social Sciences and Humanities

Director, 2022-present; Interim Director, July 2021-2022

Management: successful oversight of the budget; physical plant improvement; course scheduling oversight; program reform oversight for Women's Studies, Jewish Studies, and LGBTQ Studies minors, BIS and International Studies majors; led collaboration for the creation of a Gender and Sexuality Studies major; event and marketing planning and execution; ongoing efforts to grow enrollment in an inclusive way; ongoing efforts to enhance sense of belonging for faculty, staff, and students.

Leadership: collaboration for renewed Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality; led collaborative work on drafting and completing the unit Handbook; developing sense of community and belonging for faculty and staff in growing School; establishing message of belonging and emphasis on student success to all School web and marketing content; leading DEI strategic plan efforts. Leading efforts to fund-raise for an endowed Scholar at Risk position in the International Studies program.

Service to the Department of Political Science

Founder and co-Leader, Women's Reading Group, Political Science
 Graduate Studies Coordinator, 2017-2020
 Advisor, Political Science Club, 2010-2020
 Administrator, Department Facebook Page, 2009-2018
 Member, various search committees, various years 2007-2017
 Undergraduate Studies Coordinator, 2015-2017, excepting F16
 Acting Chair, Fall 2016
 Undergraduate Studies Co-Coordinator, 2014-2015
 Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, 2008- 2014
 Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2007-2013
 Coordinator, Political Science Club/Pi Sigma Alpha Trip to D.C., 2011 and 2012

Department Library Committee, 2008-2009