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## CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITION

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### Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, July 2021-

Area Chair, International and Global Affairs Area, September 2022-June 2024

Ford Foundation Associate Professor of Public Policy (without tenure), Harvard Kennedy School, July 2018-June 2021

Associate Professor of Public Policy (without tenure), Harvard Kennedy School, July 2017-July 2018

Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, July 2012-July 2017

## PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITION

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### University of Minnesota

Minneapolis, MN

Assistant Professor, Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, July 2010-July 2012

Instructor, Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, August 2009-June 2010

## EDUCATION

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### Stanford University

Stanford, CA

Ph.D. Political Science, June 2010

*Dissertation Title:* "Explaining Sexual Violence During Civil War"

*Dissertation Committee:* James Fearon (chair), Jeremy Weinstein, Scott Sagan

- Best Dissertation Award, Women and Politics Section, American Political Science Association (2011)

### Brown University

Providence, RI

A.B. Political Science and A.B. Philosophy, 2001

*Magna Cum Laude* (highest Latin honors), Honors in Political Science

## BOOKS

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[2] *Lynching and Local Justice: Legitimacy and Accountability in Weak States* (with Danielle F. Jung), (Cambridge University Press, *Cambridge Elements: Political Economy* series, ed. David Stasavage, September 2020)

[1] *Rape During Civil War* (Cornell University Press, August 2016)

- Theodore J. Lowi Best First Book Award, American Political Science Association (2017)
- International Security Studies Section Best Book Award, International Studies Association (2018)
- Feminist Theory and Gender Studies Section Best Book Prize, International Studies Association (2018)
- Finalist, Woodrow Wilson Award, American Political Science Association (2017)
- Honorable Mention, Conflict Research Society Book of the Year Prize (2018)

• Reviewed in *Journal of Politics* (January 2017); *Journal of Peace Research* (February 2017); *Foreign Affairs* (April 2017); *Revista CIDOB d'Afers Internacionals* (December 2017); *Monkey Cage* African Politics Summer Reading Spectacular (June 2018); *Perspectives on Politics*, Critical Dialogue series (September 2018); H-Diplo ISSF Roundtable (December 2018); *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding* (July 2019)

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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- [16] “Collective Vigilantism in Global Comparative Perspective” (special symposium guest editor and introductory essay author with Danielle F. Jung and Michael Weintraub) *Comparative Politics* 55(2): 239-261 (January 2023).
- [15] “Does More Equality for Women Mean Less War? Rethinking Sex and Gender Inequalities and Political Violence” (with Sabrina Karim) *International Organization* 76(2): 414-444.
- [14] “Who Says Yes or No? Models of Ethical and Safety Oversight for Student-led Political Violence Research” (with Kristine Eck) *PS: Political Science & Politics* 54(4): 761-766.
- [13] “Time for a Change: The Ethics of Student-led Human Subjects Research on Political Violence” (with Kristine Eck) *Third World Quarterly* 42(4): 855-866.
- [12] “At War and At Home: The Consequences of US Women Combat Casualties” (with Connor Huff and Robert Schub) *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 65(4): 647-671.
- [11] “Conflict-Related Sexual Violence” (with Ragnhild Nordås) *Annual Review of Political Science*, Volume 24 (May 2021): 193-211.
- Translation: “Violencia sexual derivada del conflicto” (with Ragnhild Nordås) *Estudios Socio-Jurídicos* 24(1): 163-200 (January 2022).
- [10] “(Sex) Crime and Punishment in the #MeToo Era: How the Public Views Rape” (with Matthew Baum and Susanne Schwarz) *Political Behavior* 44(1): 75-104.
- [9] “Centering Human Subjects: The Ethics of ‘Desk Research’ on Political Violence” (with Amelia Hoover Green) *Journal of Global Security Studies* 6(2). Available online: <https://doi.org/10.1093/jogss/ogaa029>
- [8] “Rape Culture and Its Effects: Evidence from U.S. Newspapers, 2000-2013” (with Matthew Baum and Yuri Zhukov) *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 13(3): 263-289 (September 2018).
- [7] “The Ties That Bind: How Armed Groups Use Violence to Create Social Cohesion,” *Journal of Peace Research* 54(5): 701-714 (September 2017).
- [6] “Do States Delegate Shameful Violence to Militias? Evidence from Recent Armed Conflicts,” (with Ragnhild Nordås) *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 59(5): 877-858 (August 2015).
- [5] “Sexual Violence in Armed Conflicts: Introducing the SVAC Dataset, 1989-2009,” (with Ragnhild Nordås) *Journal of Peace Research* 51(3): 418-428 (May 2014).
- [4] “Explaining Rape During Civil War: Cross-National Evidence (1980-2009),” *American Political Science Review* 107(3): 461-477 (August 2013).
- Recipient of 2014 Heinz I. Eulau Award, presented annually for the best article published in the *APSR*
- [3] “Female Combatants and the Perpetration of Violence: Wartime Rape in the Sierra Leone Civil War,” *World Politics* 65(3): 383-415 (July 2013). (Lead article)
- [2] “Dueling Incentives: Sexual Violence in the Liberian Civil War and the Politics of Human Rights Advocacy,” (with Amelia Hoover Green) *Journal of Peace Research* 49(3): 447-460 (May 2012).
- [1] “Color Bind: Lessons from the Failed Homeland Security Advisory System,” (with Jacob Shapiro) *International Security* 32(2): 121-154 (Fall 2007).

## NON-REFEREED ARTICLES

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- [1] “Crisis Bureaucracy: Homeland Security and the Political Design of Legal Mandates,” (with Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar and Barry R. Weingast) *Stanford Law Review* 59(3): 673-760 (December 2006).

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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- [3] “Conflict-related Sexual Violence: What Have We Learned over the Last Decade?” (with Elisabeth Jean Wood)
- [2] “Is Researching Human Rights Violations Harmful? Assessing Research-Related Stress Among Research Assistants” (with Cassy Dorff) (revise and resubmit, *Journal of Peace Research*)
- [1] “Does Membership Matter? Criminal Armed Groups, Women, and the Limits of Legitimacy” (with Danielle F. Jung) (revise and resubmit, *International Studies Quarterly*)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- [3] “‘If Abortions Aren’t Safe, Neither Are You’: Public Support for Contentious Tactics in U.S. Abortion Politics” (with Joshua Kertzer, Dorothy Manevich and Thomas Zeitzoff)
- [2] “The International Politics of Conflict-related Sexual Violence: Gender, Shaming, and Victimization” (with Lotem Bassan-Nygate)
- [1] “Who Supports War and Why? Status Concerns as a Source of the Gender Gap” (with Danielle F. Jung)

## AWARDS, HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2023 J. David Singer Data Innovation Award for the SVAC dataset, awarded biennially by the Conflict Processes Section, American Political Science Association (with Ragnhild Nordås and Rob Nagel)
- 2019 International Security Studies Section Emerging Scholar Award to recognize scholars who have made (through their body of publications) the most significant contribution to the field of security studies, International Studies Association
- 2018 International Security Studies Section Best Book Award for the best book on any aspect of security studies that excels in originality, significance, and rigor, International Studies Association
- 2018 Feminist Theory and Gender Studies Best Book Prize for the best book published in the preceding two calendar years that excels in originality, impact, and rigor towards furthering feminist theory and gender studies within the discipline of international relations, International Studies Association
- 2018 Honorable Mention, Conflict Research Society Book of the Year Prize
- 2017 Theodore J. Lowi Award for the best first book in any field of political science, American Political Science Association
- 2017 One of seven finalists (of 150+ nominees) for the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award for the best book on government, politics or international affairs, American Political Science Association
- 2014 Heinz I. Eulau Award for the best article published in 2013 in the *American Political Science Review*, American Political Science Association
- 2011 Best Dissertation Award, Women and Politics Section, American Political Science Association
- 2008-2009 Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship, United States Institute of Peace
- 2008-2009 Geballe Dissertation Prize Fellowship, Stanford Humanities Center (2008-2009) (Declined)  
• Awarded to eight Stanford graduate students per year in the School of Humanities and Sciences
- 2008-2009 Zukerman Fellowship and Predoctoral Fellowship, CISAC, Stanford University
- 2007 Morris J. Abrams Award for Dissertation Research in International Relations
- 2007-2008 Graduate Dissertation Fellowship, Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Stanford University
- 2005-2006 Predoctoral Fellowship, CISAC, Stanford University
- 2004-2005 Organizational Learning for Homeland Security Graduate Fellowship, CISAC, Stanford University

## **POLICY REPORTS AND ANALYSES**

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- 2023 “Going Beyond Accountability to Deter Conflict-Related Sexual Violence,” *USIP Analysis and Commentary*, March 14.
- 2013 “Wartime Sexual Violence: Misconceptions, Implications, and Ways Forward,” *USIP Special Report* (with Amelia Hoover Green and Elisabeth Wood), February.
- 2012 “Sexual Violence by African Militias,” *PRIO Policy Brief* (with Ragnhild Nordås), December.
- 2012 “Sexual Violence in African Conflicts, 1989-2009: What the Data Show,” *PRIO Policy Brief* (with Ragnhild Nordås), December.
- 2011 “Wartime Sexual Violence: Challenges and Opportunities for Data Collection and Analysis,” *PRIO Policy Brief* (with Ragnhild Nordås), February.

## **OP-EDS, BLOG POSTS & OTHER WRITING**

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- 2020 “Twenty Years After UNSCR 1325: Any Progress Ending Wartime Sexual Violence?” (with Ragnhild Nordås and Robert Nagel), *Political Violence at a Glance* blog post, October 30.
- 2019 “Ethics of Student Research on Political Violence: Starting a Dialogue” (with Kristine Eck), *Political Violence at a Glance* blog post, August 29.
- 2018 “The Way Kavanaugh’s Supporters Are Talking about Sexual Assault Allegations Can Be Dangerous, Our New Study Finds,” *Monkey Cage* blog post (with Matthew Baum, Susanne Schwartz and Yuri Zhukov), September 27.
- 2016 “Women’s Rights Are a National Security Issue,” *New York Times* op-ed (with Valerie Hudson), December 26.
- 2016 “Were 75% of Liberian Women and Girls Raped? No. So Why Does the UN Keep Repeating That Misleading Statistic?” *Monkey Cage* blog post (with Amelia Hoover Green), October 26.
- 2016 “Is Sexual Violence During War Exceptional—or a Continuation of Everyday Violence?” *International Studies Quarterly* symposium (online) (with Elisabeth Wood), July 12.
- 2015 “Governments Don’t Outsource Atrocities to Militias. Here’s What Really Happens,” *Monkey Cage* blog post (with Jessica Stanton and Ragnhild Nordås), December 22.
- 2015 “How to Counter Rape During War,” *New York Times* op-ed (with Elisabeth Wood), October 28.
- 2014 “Four Things Everyone Should Know About Wartime Sexual Violence,” *Monkey Cage* blog post (with Ragnhild Nordås and Elisabeth Wood), June 9.
- 2012 “Is Wartime Rape Declining On a Global Scale? We Don’t Know—And It Doesn’t Matter,” *Duck of Minerva* and *Political Violence at a Glance* blog posts, (with Amelia Hoover Green and Elisabeth Wood) November 1.
- Selected as Runner-up, 2013 Outstanding Achievement in International Studies Best Blog Post Prize
- 2012 “Ask the Experts: Preventing Sexual Violence,” Power, Politics, and Preventive Action Blog, *Council on Foreign Relations* (with Elisabeth Wood), June 11.
- 2011 “Rape Reporting During War: Why the Numbers Don’t Mean What You Think They Do,” *Foreign Affairs* (online) (with Amber Peterman, Tia Palermo and Amelia Hoover Green), August 1.

## TEACHING CASES

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Bethany Romano (with Dara Kay Cohen and Liz McKenna). 2024. "Through a New Lens: Physicians for Human Rights' Photovoice Research with Kenyan Survivors of Sexual Violence," Harvard Kennedy School Case, Case #2287, June 12.

Pamela Varley (with Dara Kay Cohen and Zoe Marks). 2022. "Work or Exploitation? Debating Whether to Decriminalize the Sex Industry," Harvard Kennedy School Case, Case #2244, August 12.

## GRANTS (PREVIOUS TEN YEARS)

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- 2019-2023 Medium Conference Grant, Weatherhead Center, Harvard University
- 2018-2019 Folke Bernadotte Research Grant, UNSCR 1325 Program, "Women, Peace and Security: What Are the Mechanisms?" (with Danielle Jung) (17-00414)
- 2017 Timeshare Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), "Uncovering Bias in the Adjudication of Rape Cases in the U.S." (with Matthew Baum and Susanne Schwarz) (TESS-0871)
- 2016-2018 Folke Bernadotte Research Grant, UNSCR 1325 Program, "Violence, Security and Gender: Survey Evidence from Haiti" (with Danielle Jung) (17-00297)
- 2016-2017 Faculty Research Grant, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University
- 2016-2017 Faculty Research Grant, Carr Center for Human Rights, Harvard Kennedy School
- 2016-2017 Distinguished Research Faculty Associate for Semester Leave, Weatherhead Center, Harvard University
- 2015-2017 Medium Grant for Faculty Research, Weatherhead Center, Harvard University
- 2014-2015 Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Exploratory Seminar Grant, "Women's Participation in Violent Political Organizations"
- 2014-2015 Folke Bernadotte Research Grant, UNSCR 1325 Program, "Causes and Effects of Rape Culture: Global Evidence from News and Social Media" (with Matthew Baum and Yuri Zhukov)
- 2013-2014 Dean's Research Fund Award, Harvard Kennedy School, "Causes and Consequences of Rape Culture"
- 2011-2014 National Science Foundation, "Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict" (SES-1123964) (\$245,000)  
• Principal Investigator, part of a collaboration with researchers at PRIO and several other scholars

## RECENT INVITED TALKS (PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS)

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- 2025 Cornell University, Department of Government, Politics, Sandwiches and Comments (PSAC) Speaker Series, May 2 (planned).
- 2023 University of Maryland, College Park, Ted Gurr Memorial Distinguished Scholar Lecture, November 29.
- 2021 Princeton University, International Relations Colloquium, April 12 (online).
- 2021 University of Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute for International Studies Seminar, March 30 (online).
- 2021 Vanderbilt University, Comparative Politics Workshop, March 25 (online).
- 2021 University of Essex, Government Department Speaker Series, March 9 (online).
- 2021 University of California, Berkeley, MIRTH (Monday IR Thoughts Series), March 8 (online).
- 2020 Rice University, Hudspeth Lecture Series, December 7 (online).
- 2020 Cornell University, Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, February 6.
- 2019 University of Michigan, Political Science Department, Rubin Speaker Series, March 11.

## **ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES (PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS)**

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- 2025 Invited panelist, “Gender and Violence: A Workshop on Research and Practice,” Stanford Poverty, Violence, and Governance Lab (PovGov) and the King Center on Global Development, Stanford University, May 8-9 (planned).
- 2025 Invited discussant, “Russia’s Sexual Violence in its War Against Ukraine: Soviet History, Informal Politics, and the Women, Peace and Security Agenda,” Politics of Russia and Eurasia Seminar Series (PRESS), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, February 12 (online).
- 2024 Invited panelist and co-organizer, Missing Peace Initiative Scholar Workshop, U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C., July 24-26.
- 2023 Invited discussant, Kick-off Workshop for “War Effects: The Effects of Civil Wars on Women’s Empowerment and Gender Relations,” Bergen, Norway, October 8-11.
- 2021 Invited panelist, Online Conference on Political Violence, NYU Abu Dhabi, September 26-28 (online).
- 2020 Invited faculty discussant, Empirical Studies of Gender workshop, Boston University, October 23-24 (online).
- 2019 Invited participant, “Protecting Communities in Social Science Studies: Towards New Ethics,” American Academy of Arts and Sciences, November 7-8.
- 2019 Invited faculty discussant, Empirical Studies of Gender workshop, Yale University, April 25-26.

## **POLICY PRESENTATIONS (PREVIOUS TEN YEARS)**

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- 2024 Invited panelist, “Gendered Dynamics of the War in Sierra Leone: Discussion of Mark Sommers’ *We the Young Fighters: Pop Culture, Terror and War in Sierra Leone*,” Women in International Security (WIIS), February 6 (online).
- 2023 Invited moderator/panelist, “Creating Bridges Between Research, Policy and Practice to Address Conflict-Related Sexual Violence,” Missing Peace Global Symposium on Conflict-Related Sexual Violence, U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C., November 1-3, 2023.
- 2023 Invited expert, “Data and Evidence on Conflict-related Sexual Violence,” Atrocity Prevention Learning Group, U.S. State Department, February 13 (online).
- 2023 Invited expert, “WPS Learning Exchange: Conflict-related Sexual Violence,” quarterly discussion with invited participants from the U.S. government and civil society, U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C., January 18 (online).
- 2022 Invited panelist, Research briefing to the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, Missing Peace Initiative, U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C., July 29 (online).
- 2022 Invited speaker, “Wartime Sexual Violence in Ukraine and Beyond,” Krulak Center for Innovation & Future Warfare, Marine Corps University, Quantico, VA, June 28 (online webinar).
- 2022 Invited participant, “UN Framework for the Prevention of Conflict-related Sexual Violence,” Scholars’ Roundtable, Center for Human Rights, Gender and Migration, Institute for Public Health, Washington University, St. Louis, MI, April 8 (online).
- 2020 Invited panelist, Reykjavík Global Forum, LeadersTalk, “20 Years After UNSCR 1325: What’s happened? What comes next?,” November 9 (online).
- 2019 Invited expert, Advisory Group of Methodological Experts, Women in Peace Operations, International Peace Institute/Elsie Initiative for Women in Peace Operation of the Government of Canada, New York, NY, October 4.
- 2019 Invited speaker, European Union External Action Service High Level Academic Roundtable on Women, Peace and Security, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium, June 25.
- 2018 Invited presentation, Measuring Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) in Humanitarian and Development Settings workshop, USAID, November 2.

- 2018 Invited presentation, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm, Sweden, May 3.
- 2018 Invited presentation, RAND, “Women, the Family and Insurgency,” Arlington, VA, January 17.
- 2016 Invited speaker, “Women and Foreign Policy: Is Everything We Know About Wartime Rape Wrong?” Public lecture, U.S. Department of State, February 19.
- 2015 Invited speaker, “Sexual Violence in Conflict: Why Rape Does Not Have to be a Weapon of War,” Internal briefing, U.S. Department of State, June 26.

## **ANNUAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

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- American Political Science Association (2020 (online), 2019, 2017, 2014, 2013, 2011, 2010, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005)
- International Studies Association (2022, 2019, 2018, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2009, 2006)
- Peace Science Society (2020 (online), 2018, 2015, 2012)

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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- 2023 Provost’s Academic Leadership Forum, Harvard University (2023-2024 academic year).
- 2013 International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap Project, American University, June 9-14.
- 2011 Teaching with Writing Faculty Seminar, University of Minnesota, August 22-26.
- 2010 America/Israel Academic Exchange, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Israel, July 27-August 3.
- 2007 Institute for Qualitative and Multimethod Research, Arizona State University, January 2-12.
- 2006 New Era Foreign Policy Conference, University of California, Berkeley, March 6-7.

## **TEACHING**

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### *Kennedy School, Harvard University*

- IGA-229 Sex, Violence and Global Politics/Sex, Gender and War (Fall 2014; 2015; 2017; 2020; Spring 2022, 2024)  
 • *Recipient of the HKS Teaching Excellence Award (“Dinner on the Dean”) (F2014; F2015; F2017; S2022; S2024)*
- API-203M Empirical Analysis II: Qualitative and Mixed Research Methods (Spring 2023; 2024)  
 • *Recipient of the HKS Teaching Excellence Award (“Lunch on the Dean”) (S2024)*
- IGA-222M War: Causes, Dynamics and Resolution (co-taught course) (Spring 2024)  
 • *Recipient of the HKS Teaching Excellence Award (“Coffee on the Dean”)*
- IGA-227 Insurgents, Terrorists and Violence: Causes and Consequences of Civil War (Spring 2013; 2015; 2016; 2018 and Fall 2018; 2021; 2022)  
 • *Recipient of the HKS Teaching Excellence Award (“Dinner on the Dean”) (S2015; S2016; S2018; F2018, F2021)*
- IGA-150Y International and Global Affairs PAC (Policy Area of Concentration) Seminar (AY 18-19; 19-20; 20-21)

### *Humphrey School, University of Minnesota*

- PA 5822 International Security (Spring 2010, 2011, 2012)
- PA 5041 Qualitative Research Methods (Fall 2010; Spring 2012)
- PA 5801 Global Public Policy (Spring 2010, 2011)
- PA 5841 Women, Violence and Armed Conflict (Fall 2009)

## STUDENT ADVISING AND MENTORSHIP

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### *Current Doctoral Students (4)*

Jillian Foster, Yale Political Science  
Mitsuru Mukaigawara, Harvard Government  
Katie Tucker, HKS Public Policy  
Roni Yadlin, HKS Public Policy

### *Former Doctoral Students (8)*

Lauren Chojnacki, Vanderbilt Political Science (non-academic position)  
Phoebe Donnelly, Tufts Fletcher School (postdoctoral fellow, Williams College)  
Connor Huff, Harvard Government (assistant professor, Rice University)  
Summer Lindsey, Columbia Political Science (assistant professor, Rutgers University)  
Bridget Marchesi, University of Minnesota Political Science (private sector)  
Rebecca Nielsen, Yale Political Science (assistant professor, Universidad del Rosario (Colombia))  
Apekshya Prasai, MIT Political Science (assistant professor, Boston University)  
Laura Thaut Vinson, University of Minnesota Political Science (assistant professor, Lewis and Clark)

### *HKS PAE and SYPA Advisees (11 projects)*

2012-2013 Zachary Rosenfeld; *recipient of Best IGA PAE and Best Overall PAE*  
2012-2013 Sam Dinning and Anjali Fleury  
2013-2014 Okubo Tomoo (SYPA)  
2013-2014 Kimberly Everett  
2013-2014 Zeina Shuhaibar  
2014-2015 Amelia Mitchell and Jessie Landerman, *recipient of Best IGA PAE*  
2014-2015 Susanne Schwarz; *recipient of Jane Mansbridge Research Award*  
2014-2015 Brendan Brady  
2017-2018 Kyle Schreifer  
2021-2022 Melanie Chan and Ankita Panda  
2022-2023 Alejandra Davila, Alejandro Garcia Escobar Plascencia, Nesrine Mbarek, and Jamie Wu; *Sunshine Fund Faculty-led PAE Project (one of 6 selected projects); recipient of Best IGA PAE and Jane Mansbridge Research Award*

### *Harvard College Senior Thesis Advisees (2 projects)*

2012-2013 Colby Wilkason  
2023-2024 Becca Buehler

### *Extension School Advisee*

2018-2019 Zachary Hadley, Master of Liberal Arts; *recipient of the Dean's Thesis Prize in International Relations*

### *External Doctoral Examiner*

2023 Samuel Ritholtz, D. Phil. candidate, International Development, Oxford University, February 21

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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### *Kennedy School*

2024-2025 Education Task Force Co-Chair, HKS Vision and Strategy Project  
2022-2024 Area Chair, International & Global Affairs Area  
2023-2024 Junior International Relations Faculty Search Committee, Co-Chair  
2022-2023 International Relations Faculty Search Committee, Kennedy School



2021-2022 Leader, Politics & Institutions Track, Public Policy PhD Program  
 2021 Public Policy PhD Admissions Working Group  
 2021-2022 MPP Core Reform Evidence Course Design Committee, Kennedy School  
 2019-2020 Junior Politics Faculty Search Committee, Kennedy School  
 2019 State of the Field Review, Cross-cutting Issues Committee, International & Global Affairs Area  
 2012-2016; 2017-2021 PhD Admissions Committee, Kennedy School  
 2018-2019 Coordinator, Wednesday Faculty Research Lunch Seminar, Kennedy School  
 2018, 2019 MPP Core Reform Workshop Retreat, Kennedy School  
 2017-2018 Junior Politics Faculty Search Committee, Kennedy School  
 2017-2019 Coordinator, HKS Gender & Security Seminar Series  
 Spring 2016 Coordinator, Wednesday Faculty Research Lunch Seminar, Kennedy School  
 2014-2015 Chair, Security Teaching Review Committee, International & Global Affairs Area, Kennedy School

*Harvard University*

2023-2024 Provost's Academic Leadership Forum, 10<sup>th</sup> Cohort  
 2022-2024 Weatherhead Center Executive Committee  
 2022-2024 Standing Committee on Higher Degrees in Public Policy  
 2020 Mid-Dissertation Grants Selection Subcommittee, Weatherhead Center  
 2018 Foreign Language Study Grants Selection Subcommittee, Weatherhead Center  
 2014-2015 Radcliffe Institute 2015 Annual Conference Organizing Committee  
 2013-2014 Mentor, Harvard BLISS (Behavioral Laboratory in the Social Sciences) summer program  
 2012 Carnegie Endowment Junior Fellowships Committee, Harvard College

*Humphrey School, University of Minnesota*

2011-2012 Convener, Political Science/Humphrey School joint seminar series, "Civil War and Political Order"  
 2010-2011 Stassen Chair Search Committee, Humphrey School/Political Science, University of Minnesota  
 2010-2012 Awards and Honors Committee, Humphrey School, University of Minnesota

**CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED**

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2022 Empirical Study of Gender Research Network (EGEN) Graduate Student Work-in-Progress Workshop, Harvard Kennedy School, September 29-30.  
 2020 "The Political Science of Lynching in Global Comparative Perspective," Weatherhead Center, Harvard University (rescheduled to be online), July 16-17.  
 2018 "Peace, War and Governance in Haiti," Peace Science Society Pre-Conference Workshop, University of Texas-Austin, November 8.  
 2014 "Women's Participation in Violent Political Organizations," Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, September 18-19.

2014 “Sexual Violence and Armed Conflict: New Research Frontiers,” Harvard Kennedy School, September 2-3.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### *Editorial/ Advisory Boards*

2025-2028 Editorial Board, *International Organization*  
2025-2028 Advisory Board, Cambridge Studies in Gender and Politics, Cambridge University Press  
2024- Editorial Board, *The European Journal of Politics and Gender*  
2023- Editorial Board, *Political Science Research and Methods*  
2021- Editorial Board, *International Security*  
2020-2023 Associate Editor, *Global Studies Quarterly*

### *Peer Reviewer/ Referee for Academic Journals*

*African Affairs; American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Comparative Political Studies; Comparative Politics; Civil Wars; Conflict Management and Peace Science; European Journal of International Relations; Geopolitics; International Criminal Justice Review; International Feminist Journal of Politics; International Affairs; International Interactions; International Organization; International Security; International Studies Quarterly; International Studies Review; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Global Security Studies; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Politics; Journal of Women's History; The Lancet; Perspectives on Politics; Political Studies; Politics and Gender; PS: Political Science & Politics; Research & Politics; Security Studies; Terrorism and Political Violence; Violence Against Women*

### *Other Peer Reviewer/ Referee*

Bloomsbury Publishing; Cornell University Press; European Research Council; Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order; International Peace Institute; Human Security Report Project; National Science Foundation; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS); United States Institute for Peace; Women Under Siege Project

### *Service to the Profession*

2024 Book manuscript workshop, Mariel Barnes, *The Politics of Domestic Violence*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, February 23.  
2023 Best Paper Award Committee, Conflict Processes Section (APSA)  
2022-2024 Executive Board, Empirical Study of Gender Research Network (EGEN)  
2021-2023 Faculty mentor, Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC)  
2021-2023 Faculty panelist, Anonymous Advice on the Ethics of Engagement, Sie Center, University of Denver  
2020-2023 Governing Council, International Security Studies Section (ISSS), ISA (elected by membership)  
2022: Best Book Award Committee, Chair  
2021: Emerging Scholar Award Committee, Member  
2020: Best Article Award Committee, Member  
2020: Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Member  
2020 Program Committee, Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Annual Conferences (Spring and Fall 2020)  
2019 Victoria Schuck Book Award Committee, APSA  
2018 Book manuscript workshop, Costantino Pischetta, *Conflict Among Rebels*, Princeton, November 16.

2016-17 Kenneth Waltz Dissertation Prize Committee, International Security and Arms Control Section, APSA  
*Policy-oriented Service*

Missing Peace Initiative Partners Committee, United States Institute for Peace (2024- )  
Missing Peace Symposium Advisory Committee, United States Institute for Peace (2023)  
Core Experts Group, Future Trends in Mass Atrocities and Atrocity Prevention, Simon-Skjoldt Center for the Prevention of Genocide, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum  
Advisory Group of Methodological Experts, Women in Peace Operations, Government of Canada’s Elsie Initiative for Women in Peace Operations and International Peace Institute  
Advisory Committee on Conflict-Related Sexual Violence, Council on Foreign Relations  
Research Associate, Sexual Violence During Armed Conflict (SVAC) Project, PRIO  
Steering Committee Member, “The Missing Peace—Sexual Violence in Conflict and Post-Conflict” Conference, United States Institute for Peace

## **RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

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2003 Summer Intern, Economic Policy Section, U.S. Embassy, London, U.K.  
2001-2003 Paralegal Specialist, Outstanding Scholars Program, Counterterrorism Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington D.C.

## **FIELDWORK**

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Haiti March 2017; May 2017; September 2019  
Sierra Leone July-August 2006; April-July 2007; March-April 2008  
Timor-Leste January-February 2008; June-August 2012  
El Salvador March-April 2009

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