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APPOINTMENTS

2017- Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
2016-2017 Preceptor, Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences, University of Chicago

EDUCATION

2017 Ph.D. Political Science, University of Chicago
 “Going beyond accountability and untangling the politics of conflict-related rape”
 Dissertation Committee: Linda Zerilli, Lisa Wedeen, Paul Staniland
2012 M.A. Political Science, University of Chicago
2008 B.S. Political Science, University of Wyoming

PUBLICATIONS

In Preparation

n.d. “Going Beyond Accountability and Untangling the Politics of Conflict-Related Rape.”
n.d. “Debating Rape in Wartime Sierra Leone.”

Policy Briefs

2016 “Ending Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in War and Peace: Recommendations for the
Next U.S. Administration.” United States Institute of Peace.

Book Reviews

2012 “Book Note.” Review of *Thematic Prosecution of International Sex Crimes*, by Morten Bergsmo,
ed. (2012). *Journal of Peace Research* 49 (2012): 873.
2012 “Book Note.” Review of *Understanding and Proving International Sex Crimes*, by Morten
Bergsmo, Alf Butenshon, and Elisabeth J Wood, eds. (2012). *Journal of Peace Research* 49
(2012): 874.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH POSITIONS

Self-Designed Courses Taught at the University of Chicago

2018 Power, Violence, and the Global North/South Divide, Department of Political Science
(Advanced Undergraduate Seminar)
2018 Sex, Gender and War, Department of Political Science (Advanced Undergraduate Seminar)

- 2017 Crafting Research Proposals, M.A. Program in the Social Sciences (Graduate Thesis Proposal Workshop)
- 2016 Fundamentals of Teaching in the Social Sciences, Chicago Center for Teaching (Graduate Student Instructor Pedagogy Course)
- 2016 Political Science Undergraduate Colloquium, Department of Political Science (Undergraduate Research Design and Methodology)
- 2015 Gender and War, Grodzins Prize Lectureship, Department of Political Science (Advanced Undergraduate Seminar)

Courses Taught at the University of Chicago

- 2018 Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations II, Social Sciences Collegiate Division (Undergraduate Core Curriculum)
- 2017 Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations I, Social Sciences Collegiate Division (Undergraduate Core Curriculum)
- 2016 Perspectives in Social Science Analysis, M.A. Program in the Social Sciences (Graduate Social Theory)
- 2014 Social Science Inquiry, Social Sciences Collegiate Division (Undergraduate Core Curriculum, Research Methods and Design)

Thesis Advising Appointments at the University of Chicago

- 2016- M.A. Thesis Advisor, M.A. Program in the Social Sciences
- 2016 B.A. Thesis Advisor, Department of Political Science

Teaching Assistantships at University of Chicago

- 2014 The Practice of Social Science, Department of Political Science (Undergraduate Major Requirement, Quantitative Methods)
- 2013 Global Governance of Crisis, Department of Political Science (Undergraduate Lecture Course)
- 2013 Mathematics in the Social Sciences, Division of the Social Sciences (Graduate Quantitative Methods)
- 2013 Linear Models, Department of Political Science (Graduate Quantitative Methods)
- 2012-2013 Social Science Inquiry I, II, and III, Social Science Collegiate Division (Undergraduate Core Curriculum, Research Methods and Design)

Writing Instruction at the University of Chicago

- 2017 Academic and Professional, Writing Program Writing (M.A. Program in the Social Sciences Students)
- 2017 Academic and Professional Writing, Writing Program (M.A. Program in the Social Sciences Students)
- 2016 Academic and Professional Writing, Writing Program (Ph.D. Students in the Social and Biological Sciences)

- 2016 Academic and Professional Writing, Writing Program (Undergraduate Students)
- 2016 Academic and Professional Writing, Writing Program (M.A. Program in the Social Sciences Students)
- 2015 Academic and Professional Writing, Writing Program (Undergraduate Students)

Research Positions

- 2015- Research Consultant, Research Done (Data Analytics Startup)
- 2015- Independent Writing Consultant
- 2015 Research Associate, Gulu Women's Economic Development and Globalization (Gulu, Uganda)
- 2012 Research Associate, Refugee Law Project, Makerere University (Gulu, Uganda)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

- 2017 "Coercive Consumption: Protracted Insecurity and Sexual Economies in Central and East Africa" July 11, SGBV and SEA: Bridging the Research and Practice Divides, Missing Peace/United States Institute of Peace
- 2016 "Turning towards a political register to understand conflict-related rape." June 15, Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: Shaping Policy to Improve Prevention Efforts, Missing Peace/United States Institute of Peace
- 2016 "Sexual Violence and the Islamic State." April 7, Al Sharq: Middle East Meets West Lecture for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, University of Chicago
- 2016 "The Victim of Conflict-Related Rape." March 8, Let's Talk Conflict Lecture for International Women's Day, University of Chicago
- 2015 "The Status of Women: Living Under Authoritarian Regimes in Africa." December 4, Introduction to Comparative Politics Course, University of Wyoming
- 2015 "Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict." April 23, The 20th Anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women & the Beijing Declaration, International Human Rights Institute, DePaul College of Law
- 2014 "The Continuum of Sexual Violence: The Realities of Post-Conflict Prostitution." September 2, Workshop on Sexual Violence and Armed Conflict, Harvard University

Conference Presentations

- 2017 "Debating Rape in Wartime Sierra Leone." December 1, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting
- 2017 "Going Beyond Accountability and Untangling the Politics of Conflict-Related Rape." August 31, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting and Exhibition
- 2017 "Going Beyond Accountability and Untangling the Politics of Conflict-Related Rape." May 31, Graduate Conference on Empirical Approaches to Gender (EGEN), Yale University
- 2015 "Forced Prostitution in Northern Uganda." May 29, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality Fellows Workshop, University of Chicago

- 2015 “The ‘Grey Area’ of Sexual Exchange: Forced Prostitution during the LRA Insurgency.” May 2, Queertopia 8.0: Intimacies and Outimacies: Exploding Relationality, Northwestern University
- 2014 “The Power of Rape: An Urban-Rural Comparison of Conflict-Related Rape During the Sierra Leone Civil War.” June, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research
- 2013 “The Continuum of Sexual Violence: The Realities of Post-Conflict Prostitution.” April 12, Midwest Political Science Association
- 2013 “Rape as Atrocity: Understanding the Limitations of International Law.” April 5, Sexual Justice Beyond Reproductive Justice, University of Chicago
- 2012 “Peace Duration and Women as Chief Executive following Interstate and Intrastate Conflict.” April 4, 52nd International Studies Association Annual Convention
- 2012 “Rape as Atrocity: Understanding the Limitations of International Law.” March 2, Understanding Sexual Violence in Conflict Sawyer Seminar Symposium, University of Chicago

Comments

- 2016 “Sideshows” in *Show Time: The logic and power of violence display*, Lee Ann Fujii, January 27, Ideas and Political Violence Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2014 “On the Fringes” Panel with Amy Milne-Smith, Averill Earls, and Kenetta Hammond Perry, April 24, Masculinities on the British Fringe Conference, Franke Institute for the Humanities

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2016-2017 Teaching Fellowship, Chicago Center for Teaching, University of Chicago
- 2015-2016 Mellon Foundation Dissertation-Year Fellowship, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
- 2015-2016 Dissertation Fellowship, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of Chicago (Declined)
- 2015 African Studies Small Grant, Committee on African Studies, University of Chicago
- 2014-2016 Residential Fellowship, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of Chicago
- 2014 Graduate Travel Grant, Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture, University of Chicago
- 2014 Agnes and Nathan Janco Research Travel Grant, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
- 2014 Summer Grant, Division of the Social Science, University of Chicago
- 2014 Bienen Research Fund, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago
- 2014 African Studies Small Grant, Committee on African Studies, University of Chicago
- 2014 Social Sciences Division Research Grant, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of Chicago
- 2013 Pozen Graduate Research Fellowship, Pozen Family Center for Human Rights, University of Chicago
- 2013 African Language Fund, Committee on African Studies, University of Chicago

2012	Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship, Yale University
2011	Human Rights Research Internship, Pozen Family Center for Human Rights, University of Chicago

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

University Service

2017	Panelist, Gender Marking and Language Teaching: A Workshop on Inclusion, February 3 and September 21, University of Chicago Language Center and Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
2017	Panelist, Gender, Sexuality & Pedagogy: A Roundtable, February 1, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality
2016	Committee Member, 20 th Fellows Anniversary Reunion Planning Committee, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality
2015	Co-organizer, Masculinities on the British Fringe Conference, University of Chicago
2014	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University
2013	Co-organizer, Panel on Feminist Economics, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of Chicago
2012-2014	Co-coordinator, Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop, Council for Advanced Studies, University of Chicago
2011-2012	Organizer, Sawyer Seminar Symposium, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of Chicago
2011	Committee Member, Order, Disorder, and Global Politics Hiring Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago
2011-	Graduate Student Mentor, Political Science Association, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago
2010-2013	Student-Faculty Liaison, Political Science Association, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago

Community Service

2017	Fundraising Committee, Healing to Action (violence prevention program)
2016	Project Liaison, Northern Uganda Village Health Outreach Project (sexual and reproductive health education for sex workers)
2015-	Auxiliary Board Member (current Board Strategy Chair and Diversity Chair, former Treasurer), Snow City Arts (provides arts-based education to children and youth in hospitals)
2015-2016	Domestic Violence Victim Advocate, Apna Ghar
2015	Non-profit Board Leadership Program, Civic Knowledge Project, Division of the Humanities, University of Chicago
2015	Domestic Violence Training, The Centralized Training Institute, Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network

FIELDWORK

2018	Acholi Sub-Region, Uganda (June-September)
2015	Gulu, Uganda (January – March)
2014	London, United Kingdom (April – June)
2014	Freetown, Sierra Leone (January – April)
2012	Gulu, Uganda (July – September)
2012	Mombasa, Kenya (June – July)
2007	Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo (May – August)

RESEARCH SKILLS

Interviews and Focus Groups, Ethnography, Archival Research, Interpretive Methods, Causal Inference, Linear Models, Maximum Likelihood

LANGUAGES

English (native), Swahili (intermediate reading, writing, and speaking), Acholi Luo (basic speaking)

REFERENCES

Dissertation Committee:

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