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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Libra Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, University of Maine, 2021-present

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Université Laval, 2020-2021

Post-Doctoral Fellow, ISA Rosenau Postdoctoral Fellow, Boston University, 2019-2020

Adjunct Lecturer, Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University, 2018-2019

Writing Across the Curriculum Fellow, Lehman College, CUNY, 2017-2018

Adjunct Lecturer, Baruch College, CUNY, 2014-2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Project Coordinator, Project on Peacebuilding, Most Mira, Prijedor, Bosnia, 2013-2019

Research Associate, European Union Studies Center, CUNY, 2015-2018

Research Associate, Future UN Development Project, New York, 2014-2018

Communications & Policy Officer, Migrants Organise, London, 2010-2013

Research Coordinator, UnLtd - The Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs, London, 2008-2010

EDUCATION

The Graduate Center, City University of New York

Ph.D., Political Science, 2019

M.Phil., Political Science, 2017

M.A., Political Science, 2016

Critical Language Scholarship (Arabic), U.S. State Department, Morocco, 2014

Michigan State University

B.A., International Relations, Political Theory, 2008, Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Delegating Responsibility: International Cooperation on Migration in the European Union (Ann Arbor, Mich: University of Michigan Press, 2022).

UN Global Compacts: Governing Migrants and Refugees (New York: Routledge, 2021).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Refugee Commodification: The Diffusion of Refugee Rent-Seeking in the Global South,” *Third World Quarterly* (2021). With Luisa Feline Freier and Gerasimos Tsourapas.

“Threats, Deportability, and Aid: The Politics of Refugee Rentier States and Regional Stability,” *Security Dialogue* (2021): 1-19.

“Digitization without Digital Evidence: Technology and Sweden’s Asylum System,” *Journal of Refugee Studies* (2021): 1-19. With Will Jones.

“Everyday Coordination in EU Migration Management: Civil Society Responses in Greece, 2015-17,”
International Studies Perspectives 20, no. 2 (2019): 129–148.

“Are You A Terrorist? Comparing Security Screening for Iraqi Asylum Seekers in the United States and Sweden,”
International Migration 57, no. 4 (2019): 58-74.

“Refugee Policy as Foreign Policy: Iraqi and Afghan Refugee Resettlements to the United States,” *Refugee Survey Quarterly* 37, no. 3 (2018): 253–278.
*Received the Ivo Duchacek Award for best article published in a refereed journal in 2018

“The Changing Role of the Ford Foundation in International Development, 1951-2001,” *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations* 28, no. 3 (2017): 1301-1325.

“NGO Frequent Flyers: Youth Organisations and the Undermining of Reconciliation in Bosnia and Herzegovina,”
Journal of Peacebuilding & Development 11, no. 1 (2016): 99-104.

Book Chapters

“The Multiple Faces of Migration and Development: Nation Building, Neoliberalism, and Multilateralism,” in
Routledge Handbook on the History of Development, eds. Corinna Unger, Iris Borowy, and Corinne Pernet (New York: Routledge, forthcoming). With Elaine McGregor.

“The Changing Landscape of Multilateral Financing and Global Migration Governance,” in *Money Matters in Migration*, eds. Tesseltje de Lange, Annette Schrauwen, William Maas (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming). With Elaine McGregor.

“Migration and Development in the UN Global Compacts,” in *Routledge Handbook on the UN and Development*, eds. Stephen Browne and Thomas G. Weiss (New York: Routledge, 2020).

“Diaspora Organizations and Citizenship,” in *Diaspora Organizations in International Affairs*, eds. Dennis Dijkzeul and Margit Fauser (New York: Routledge, 2020), 64-84.

“Global Migration Governance: Beyond Coordination and Crises,” in *The Global Community: Yearbook of International Law and Jurisprudence, 2017* (Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2018). With Thomas G. Weiss.

“Dual Citizenship and Youth Identity in Bosnia and Herzegovina,” in *Changing Youth Values in Southeast Europe: Beyond Ethnicity*, eds. Tamara Pavasovic Trost and Danilo Mandic (London: Routledge, 2018). With Jasmin Hasić.

“Celebrating Miss Muslim Pageants and Opposing Rock Concerts: Contrasting the Religious Authority and Leadership of Two Muslim Women in Kazan,” *Women, Leadership and Mosques: Changes in Contemporary Islamic Authority*, eds. Masooda Bano and Hilary Kalmbach (London: Brill, 2012).

Policy Briefs & Reports

“Implementing the Global Compact for Migration: The Role of States, UN Agencies, and Civil Society.”
Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Global Policy and Development, June 2018.

“International Organization for Migration and the UN System: A Missed Opportunity,” Future United Nations Development System Briefing 42, September 2016. With Thomas G. Weiss.

“The European Migrant Crisis: Can Development Agencies Do Better?” Future United Nations Development System Briefing 37, January 2016. With Thomas G. Weiss.

Public Commentary

Refugees, Migrants, and Global Governance, *Rights Talk Podcast*, 6/2021

Why Biden’s plan to slow migration through international aid is unlikely to succeed, *The Washington Post*, 6/2021

Who Manages Climate Migration? Evolving Global Governance, *Migration Policy Institute Podcast*, 3/2021

How to Implement the Global Compact for Migration, *Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung*, 6/2018

The Global Compact On Migration Is Not About Sovereignty, *Huffington Post*, 12/2017

The Unraveling of Asylum, *World Policy Institute*, 2/2016

More Security Databases Won’t Make Us Safer, *Huffington Post*, 11/2015

The EU Needs a Migration Human Rights Watchdog, *World Policy Institute*, 9/2015

Seven key proposals to ease the Syrian refugee crisis, *New Internationalist*, 9/2015

Bosnia: small victories in a place on the edge, *New Internationalist*, 6/2013

Cherry pickers, Blue Cards and the U.S. Congress, *Detroit News*, 8/2013

‘Systemic Failures’ Leave Children Destitute, *Huffington Post*, 2/2013

Please UKBA, Can We Have Some More..., *Huffington Post*, 12/2012

Three Better Ideas for ESOL, *Huffington Post*, 10/2012

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures & Roundtables

Book Talk: “UN Global Compacts: Governing Migrants and Refugees,” UNU-MERIT Migration Seminar Series, Maastricht University, 6/30/2021. [[Video](#)]

Book Roundtable: “UN Global Compacts: Governing Migrants and Refugees,” Academic Council on the United Nations System Annual Meeting, 6/26/2021. [[Video](#)]

“Localized and external peacebuilding in Bosnia and Herzegovina,” Guest lecture at the Humanity in Action Sarajevo Fellowship, 6/14/2021.

Book Launch: "Global Responses to Displacement — The Future of R2P and the Global Compact on Refugees," Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect and the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies, CUNY, 5/7/2021. [[Video](#)]

Book Talk: “UN Global Compacts: Governing Migrants and Refugees,” Center for the Study of Europe and the Initiative on Forced Migration and Human Trafficking, Boston University, 6/30/2020. [[Video](#)]

“Balancing Policy, Advocacy, and Research,” ISA webinar, moderator, 5/20/2020. [[Video](#)]

“Outsourcing Migration Management in the European Union,” James Madison College, Michigan State University, 11/4/2019.

“Outsourcing Migration Management in the European Union,” University of Connecticut, 10/9/2019.

“Everyday Humanitarianism & New Technologies: Civil society responses to the refugee crisis in Greece,”
Amherst College, 10/16/2018.

“Addressing the Global Refugee Crisis in an Uncertain World: A Roadmap for Action,” Expert panelist at
National Model United Nations Conference 2018, 3/21/2018.

“Confronting Islamophobia in Our Communities,” Guest lecture at Humanity in Action Fellowship in Detroit,
7/27/2017.

“The Mediterranean Dimension of the Refugee Crisis: Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities for Cooperation,”
Delegation of the Government of Catalonia to USA, 9/16/2016.

“The Next Secretary-General of the United Nations,” UN System Design Solution Retreat at Yale University,
4/28/2016.

“The Current State of the Refugee 'Crisis' in Europe,” Center for Worker Education, City College of New York,
4/9/2016.

Presentations at Annual Conferences

ISA: 2015–2021

APSA: 2018–2020

ASN: 2014, 2017

WPSA: 2018

Selected Other Conferences & Workshops

“Estimating Climate Migration Aid.” At What Point Managed Retreat? Resilience, Relocation and Climate Justice
conference, Columbia Climate School, The Earth Institute, 6/2021. With Sophie Schriever. [[Video](#)]

"Capacity Building, Migration Management, and the Global Compacts," International Studies Association,
4/2021.

“Migration Management and Digital Identity,” Comparative Politics Workshop, CUNY Graduate Center, New
York, NY, 9/2020.

“Aid, Migration Management, and Authoritarianism: A Research Agenda,” Online workshop with the Migration
Governance and Asylum Crises (MAGYC) project, University of Liège, 4/2020. With Kelsey Norman.

“Refugee Expulsion as Foreign Policy: The Politics of Hospitality, Threats, and Bad Neighbors,” Workshop on
Migration and Security: A new agenda of research, Laval University, Quebec City, Canada, 3/2019.

“Diaspora Organizations and Citizenship Rights,” workshop for edited volume on Diaspora Organizations in
International, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany, 9/2018.

“Political Cartoons and the EU 'Refugee Crisis' 2015-2017,” workshop on Narrating International Relations:
Exploring Narrative as Concept and Method, University of Hamburg, Germany, 8/2018. With Prachi Jain.

- “Civil Society and European Union Migration Management,” Civil Society Workshop, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society, New York, NY, 4/2018.
- “Delegating Responsibility: The Outsourcing of Migration Governance in the EU to International Organizations,” Comparative Politics Workshop, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY, 4/2018.
- “Refugee Policy as Foreign Policy: Comparing Iraqi and Afghan Refugee Resettlements to the United States,” Comparative Politics Workshop, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY, 3/2017.
- “The Politics of Neighbors: Comparing Iraqi and Afghan Refugee Resettlements to the United States,” International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, 2/2017.
*Received the Joseph Murphy Award for best conference paper in 2017
- “Financing the European Border: Understanding How EU Funding Impacts Asylum,” Migration With(out) Boundaries conference at Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 10/2016.
- “Migrants, Human Rights And Democracy,” Summer School on Exiled lives, University of Palermo, 6/2016.
- “Are You A Terrorist? Comparing strategies for screening for suspected terrorists during refugee status determination in the U.S. and Sweden,” International Studies Association West, Pasadena, CA, 9/2015.
- “NGO Frequent Flyers: Youth Organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina,” Transatlantic Summer Workshop, The Graduate Center, CUNY, and Ruhr University in Bochum, Germany, 8/2015.
- “Creative Commons: Engaging Youth through Art to Come to Terms with the Past in Bosnia and Herzegovina,” Conference on “Historical Justice and Memory: Questions of Rights and Accountability in Contemporary Society” at Columbia University, 11/2013.
- “Online Learning, Offline Inequalities: The Obstacles and Lessons of Teach Digital Activism with Migrants in London,” Conference on “Digital Crossroads: Media, Migration and Diaspora in a Transnational Perspective” organized at Utrecht University, 6/2012.
- “Celebrating Miss Muslim Pageants and Opposing Immoral Rock Concerts: Contrasting the Religious Authority and Leadership of Two Muslim Women in Kazan,” Conference on “Women, Leadership and Mosques: Changes in Contemporary Islamic Authority” organized at University of Oxford, 10/2009.

TEACHING

University of Maine

- Instructor of record, *Introduction to World Politics* (Fall 2021)
- Instructor of record, *International Relations* (Fall 2021), graduate seminar

Boston University

- Instructor of record, *Social Europe* (Spring 2019)
- Instructor of record, *Refugees in Global Politics* (Fall 2018)

Baruch College

- CUNY Graduate Student Teaching Award (2018)
- Instructor of record, *Introduction to Comparative Politics* (Spring 2017)
- Instructor of record, *Introduction to American Government* (Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016)

Project on Peacebuilding, Prijedor, Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Project coordinator and lead instructor, *Democracy & Peacebuilding in Bosnia* (2013-2019)
- One week course on local peacebuilding and post-conflict politics in Bosnia that examines the history, political context, and processes of change since the Dayton Peace Accords. Students participate in workshops with local activists, go on site visits to local memorials, and visit former detention camps and mass graves. The project is anchored in experiential learning aimed at immersing students in the community and history of the region.

Supervision of undergraduate research

- Caroline Lindey (BU) – co-author, \$1300 UROP grant
- Niki Kiani (BU) – \$6500 grant, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)
- Asia Cesa (BU) – research assistant, \$1300 UROP grant
- Prachi Jain (Baruch College) – co-author and co-presenter at workshop on “Narrating International Relations” at University of Hamburg, Germany, 8/2018.
- Arlen Belitsky (Tufts), Bernard Mulaw (BU), Briana Frost (BU), Maggie Choy (BU), Jacob Szczepanski (BU), Fotios Dimitriadis (BU)

SERVICE

Departmental Service (CUNY):

- Alumni Committee, 2017-19
- Admissions Committee, 2016, 2017
- Comparative Politics Workshop Organizing Committee, 2014-2017

Referee: *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, *Global Governance*, *Journal of Refugee Studies*, *Refugee Survey Quarterly*, *Human Rights Review*, *Diaspora: A Journal of Transnational Studies*, *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, *Migration Studies*, *Global Society*, *New Diversities*, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*

DATASETS

Climate Migration Aid

- New dataset of official development aid targeting climate migration using OECD-DAC project level data from 2002-2018.

Refugees and Migrants in Political Cartoons (RMPC) Database (2020)

- An original database of 2,140 cartoons related to refugees and migrants coded for the main actors, contextual objects, and themes, as well as the date of publication and demographics of cartoonists.

FIELD RESEARCH

Sweden and Denmark (2019)
Bosnia and Herzegovina (2009-2019)
Greece, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, UK, US (2016)
Russia (2007, 2009)
Brazil, France, Norway, India, Singapore (2007)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association
International Studies Association
Western Political Science Association
Academic Council on the United Nations System
Association for the Study of Nationalities
Phi Beta Kappa
Sigma Iota Rho
Phi Beta Delta