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### **CURRENT POSITION: Professor, Department of Political Science, Barnard College, Columbia University, July 2007 - Present**

Assistant Professor from 2007 to 2015; promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 2015 and to Professor in 2017

Research civil and international wars, international interventions, and African politics, and disseminate research findings through seminars, conferences, and scientific articles

Main field research site: Democratic Republic of Congo. Other cases: South Sudan, Burundi, Cyprus, Timor-Leste, Israel-Palestine

Teach undergraduate and graduate classes on international relations and African politics

Hold a courtesy appointment (since 2009) and a senior research scholar position (since 2015) at the School of International and Public Affairs

Affiliated with the Columbia University Arnold A. Saltzman Institute for War and Peace Studies, Columbia University Institute for African Studies, and Barnard College Africana Studies Program

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books**

*Peaceland: Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Intervention.* Problems of International Politics series. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014  
Spanish translation in progress, Institut Català Internacional per la Pau, forthcoming 2019

*The Trouble with the Congo: Local Violence and the Failure of International Peacebuilding.* Cambridge Studies in International Relations series. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010

#### **Articles in refereed journals**

"International Peacebuilding and Local Success: Assumptions and Effectiveness," special issue "Exploring Peace," *International Studies Review* 19 (1), pp. 114-132, 2017

"The Responsibility to Protect in Congo: The Failure of Grassroots Prevention," *International Peacekeeping* 23 (1), pp., 29-51, 2016  
Reprinted in Brett O'Bannon. *Reassessing the Responsibility to Protect: Conceptual and Operational Challenges*, New York: Routledge, pp. 93-113, 2016

"Going Micro: Emerging and Future Peacekeeping Research," *International Peacekeeping* 21 (4), pp. 492-500, 2014

"Dangerous Tales - Dominant Narratives on the Congo and their Unintended Consequences," *African Affairs*, 111 (443), pp. 202-222, 2012

"Construire la Paix: Conceptions Collectives de son Etablissement, de son Maintien et de sa Consolidation," *Critique Internationale*, 51, pp. 153-167, 2011. Translated by N. Ragaru  
Original English version: "Constructing Peace: Collective Understandings of Peace, Peacemaking, Peacekeeping, and Peacebuilding,"  
[www.sciencespo.fr/ceri/sites/sciencespo.fr.ceri/files/critique\\_add/art\\_sa.pdf](http://www.sciencespo.fr/ceri/sites/sciencespo.fr.ceri/files/critique_add/art_sa.pdf)

"Hobbes and the Congo – Frames, Local Violence, and International Intervention in the Congo," *International Organization*, 63, pp. 249-280, 2009

Reprinted in Erica Chenoweth (ed.), *Political Violence*, Sage Library of International Relations, Sage Publications, pp. 273-303, 2013

Spanish translation "Hobbes y el Congo: Marcos, Violencia Local e Intervención Internacional," *Revista de Relaciones Internacionales*, 16, pp. 97-134, 2011

"D.R. Congo: Explaining Peace Building Failures, 2003 – 2006," *Review of African Political Economy*, 113 (34), pp. 423-442, 2007

"Local Violence, National Peace? Post-War 'Settlement' in the Eastern D.R. Congo," *African Studies Review*, 49 (3), pp. 1-29, 2006

### **Other publications in refereed journals**

"The Trouble with the Congo: A Précis," Book Symposium on "The Trouble with the Congo," *African Security Review*, 20(2), pp. 56-65, 2011

"Seven Commentaries, Three Debates and One Book: the Author's Response," Book Symposium on "The Trouble with the Congo," *African Security Review*, 20(2), pp. 114-124, 2011

### **Book chapters**

"Paternalism and Peacebuilding: Capacity, Knowledge, and Resistance in International Interventions" in Barnett, Michael (ed.), *Paternalism beyond Borders*, Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, pp. 161-184, 2016

"Penser les Conflits Locaux: L'Échec de l'Intervention Internationale au Congo" (Understanding Local Conflicts: the Failure of the International Intervention in the Congo), *L'Afrique des Grands Lacs: Annuaire 2007-2008*, Paris: L'Harmattan, pp. 179-196, 2008

### **Policy articles**

"The Right Way to Build Peace in Congo," *Foreign Affairs* (online), April 2017, <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/democratic-republic-congo/2017-04-06/right-way-build-peace-congo>

"What the Uproar Over Congo's Elections Misses," *Foreign Affairs* (online), March 2017, <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2017-03-01/what-uproar-over-congos-elections-misses?cid=int-lea&pgtype=hpg>

"Trouble in Peaceland," *Foreign Policy*, Peace Channel (online), October 2015, <http://foreignpolicy.com/2015/10/06/trouble-in-peaceland-united-nations-congo-development/>

"Peacetime Violence - Post-Conflict Violence and Peace-Building Strategies." *Program on States and Security*, 2009. <http://conflictfieldresearch.colgate.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Autesserre.pdf>

"The Trouble with Congo - How Local Disputes Fuel Regional Violence," *Foreign Affairs*, 87 (3), pp. 94-110, May/June 2008

"Kongo'da siddet ve ölüm kültürü" (Violence and the Culture of Death in the Congo), *Birikim* (Turkey), 174, pp. 88-96, 2003. Translated by K. Caliskan

"The United States' 'Humanitarian Diplomacy' in South Sudan," *Journal of Humanitarian Assistance*, January 2002, <http://academiccommons.columbia.edu/catalog/ac:173075>

### **Opinion pieces**

"Three Flawed Ideas Are Hurting International Peacebuilding," Politics - Monkey Cage section (online), *The Washington Post*, March 2017

"Here's What Congo Can Teach the World About Peace," Politics - Monkey Cage section (online), *The Washington Post*, October 2016

To be *reprinted* in J. Tyler Dickovick and Jonathan Eastwood (eds.), *Current Debates in Comparative Politics*, Oxford University Press, forthcoming December 2017

"The Everyday Politics of International Intervention," Politics - Monkey Cage section (online), *The Washington Post*, June 2014

"Peacebuilding From the Inside Out," *The New York Times* online, November 2012

"The Continuing Trouble with the Congo," *African Arguments*, July 2012

"The Only Way to Help Congo," Op-Ed, *International Herald Tribune*, 23 June 2012

### **Other Publications**

Author's Response, Roundtable on "Peaceland," *H-Diplo*, 9(5), November 2016.

"Local Knowledge and Peacebuilding," in *What Needs to Change in UN Peace Operations: An Expert Briefing Book Prepared for the High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations*, Center on International Cooperation and International Peace Institute, November 2014. <http://futurepeaceops.org/2016/02/15/local-knowledge-and-peacebuilding/>

"Local Violence and the Failure of International Peacebuilding: The Trouble with the Congo," Memo distributed at the *World Summit of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates*, Warsaw, Poland, October 2013

"Les Conflits Locaux et l'Échec de l'Aide Internationale à la Construction de la Paix – Interview avec Séverine Autesserre," in Dimitri Verdonck, Caroline Michelier, and Ali Deberkale, *La Situation des Droits de l'Homme en République Démocratique du Congo*, ACP Editions, 2011

"Les Intervenants Internationaux," in Titouan Lamazou, *Ténèbres au Paradis, Africaines des Grands Lacs*, Gallimard, 2011

"Local Violence, International Indifference? The Politics of the Peace Process in the Eastern D.R. Congo," consultancy report for Doctors Without Borders and the Inter-University Consortium on Humanitarian Aid, December 2004 (public)

"Update on First Report & Analysis on Nyunzu Territory," consultancy report for Doctors Without Borders and the Inter-University Consortium on Humanitarian Aid, December 2004 (internal)

"The DRC, One Year Into the Transition," consultancy report for Doctors Without Borders and the Inter-University Consortium on Humanitarian Aid, July 2004 (internal)

### **PRIZES, HONORS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Andrew Carnegie Fellowship, Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2016-2018 (\$200,000)

Research grant, Gerda Henkel Foundation, 2017 (\$36,750)

Research grant, Folke Bernadotte Academy, 2016 (\$11,500)

2016 International Studies Association's Best Book of the Year Award (for book *Peaceland*)

2015 International Studies Association-Northeast's Yale H. Ferguson Award for book that most advances the vibrancy of international studies as a pluralist discipline (for book *Peaceland*)

2015 Honorable mention, Conflict Research Society's Book of the Year Prize (for book *Peaceland*)

2015 Honorable mention, International Studies Association's Chadwick Alger Award for best book on international organizations and multilateralism (for book *Peaceland*)

2014 Honorable mention, African Arguments' Best Book of the Year (for book *Peaceland*)

2013 African Politics Conference Group's Best Article Award (for article *Dangerous Tales*)

2012 Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order (for book *The Trouble with the Congo*)

2011 International Studies Association's Chadwick Alger Award for best book on international organizations and multilateralism (for book *The Trouble with the Congo*)

Research grant, United States Institute of Peace, 2010-2012 (\$94,000)

Research grant, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, 2010, 2011 (competitive renewal) (\$59,430)

Presidential Research Award, Barnard College, Columbia University, 2010-2011 (\$42,555)

Research support grants, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, 2011 and 2013 (\$4,000)

Interdisciplinary Faculty Research Award, Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict, and Complexity, Columbia University, 2010 and 2011 (competitive renewal) (\$10,000)

Mellon Faculty Diversity Fellowship and New Faculty Fellowship, Barnard College, 2007 (\$25,000)

Nominated for APSA Helen Reid Award for Best Dissertation in International Relations, 2007

Graduate Student Paper Prize Award, African Studies Association, 2006 (for article "Local Violence, National Peace")

Mellon Dissertation-Writing Fellow in Security and Humanitarian Action, 2006 (\$10,000)

Peace Fellow, United States Institute of Peace, 2004-2005 (\$17,000)

Mellon Research Fellow in Security and Humanitarian Action, 2004 (\$10,000)

McCracken Fellow, New York University, 2001 – 2004 / 2005 – 2006 (\$13,000 to \$18,000 per year)

Fullbright Fellow, Columbia University, 1999 – 2000 (\$10,000)

Sciences-Po – SIPA exchange program, 1999-2000 (full-tuition scholarship for Columbia M.A.)

*Mention Lauréat* (top 5% of graduating class), M.A., *Sciences-Po*, 1999

*Major de la Promotion* (top student of graduating class), *Mention Bien* (high honors), B.A., Sorbonne University, 1997

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Post-Doctoral Associate, Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University, Sept. 2006 - May 2007**

Researched civil and international wars, international intervention, and African politics  
Disseminated research findings through seminars, conferences, and scientific articles  
Taught a graduate research seminar on African Civil Wars and Peace Processes (Spring)

### **Independent Advisor, Action Against Hunger Democratic Republic of Congo, March - May 2005, July – Aug. 2006, May - July 2007**

Analyzed the political, military, human rights, and humanitarian situation based on in-depth interviews, field observations, and assessments of secondary sources  
Wrote reports and conducted in-depth briefings for field teams and headquarters

### **Consultant, Doctors Without Borders – Spain Democratic Republic of Congo, May - July and Oct. - Nov. 2004**

Analyzed the political, military, human rights, and humanitarian situation based on in-depth interviews, field observations, and assessments of secondary sources  
Wrote reports and conducted in-depth briefings for field teams and headquarters

### **Teaching Assistant, New York University, Sept. 2001 - Dec. 2003**

Taught sections for undergraduate classes in International Relations (Spring and Fall 2003) and Perspectives on Political Economy (Fall 2001): taught weekly lectures and led class discussions for up to 30 students per class; assigned and graded students' papers and exams; and collaborated with professors to adapt classes and lessons to students' needs

Graded papers, occasionally held lectures, and tutored students in undergraduate classes on Civil Liberties (Fall 2002) and British and Irish Politics (Spring 2002)

### **Context Analyst and Deputy Head of Mission, Doctors Without Borders - Spain Democratic Republic of Congo, June - Aug. 2003 Afghanistan, May - Aug. 2002**

Analyzed the political, military, and humanitarian situation based on in-depth interviews and assessments of secondary sources, and wrote reports for field team and headquarters

Participated in daily management of the mission, including representation, security monitoring, strategy development, and program implementation

Replaced Head of Mission during absences, managed projects, supervised human resources, and made final decisions regarding security, strategic, and program issues

### **Administration and Finance Coordinator / Context Analyst, Doctors Without Borders - Spain Democratic Republic of Congo, Feb. - July 2001**

Conducted exploratory mission to analyze the political and social situation, wrote reports with recommendations for headquarters, and helped identify new mission strategies

Established mission and project, focusing on administration, human resources, and financial issues

Participated in daily management of the mission, including logistics, strategy development, program implementation, as well as supervision of all financial and administrative matters

**Protection Officer and Assistant Head of Mission, Doctors of the World - France  
Kosovo, July - Dec. 2000**

Analyzed the political, military, and humanitarian situation based on in-depth interviews and assessments of secondary sources, and wrote reports for field team and headquarters

Coordinated program on ethnic minorities, including documentation of human rights abuses, preparation of advocacy report, and organization of lobbying campaign on violations of minorities' rights

Participated in daily management of the mission, including representation, security monitoring, strategy development, fundraising, and program implementation

**Relevant professional experience through internships and volunteering, 1997 – 2000**

Consultant - Intern for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (Jan. - May 2000): drafted speeches and correspondences on behalf of the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs; facilitated coordination between humanitarian actors

Consultant - Intern for International Organization for Migration (Nov. 1999 – May 2000, USA and Kosovo): evaluated IOM's Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration program

Program Assistant - Intern for Action Against Hunger (Oct. 1999 – May 2000, USA): wrote context analysis reports on Albania and Sudan

Program Officer – Volunteer for Association France-Amérique Latine (July – Aug. 1999, Nicaragua): identified and implemented development projects

Journalist - Intern for Voice of Soweto and Cape Talk Radio (Sept. – Oct. 1998, South Africa): conducted interviews, wrote and digitally edited news stories

Program Assistant / Auxiliary Nurse - Volunteer for Youth Charitable Organization and Mother Teresa's Hospital (July – Aug. 1997, India): helped with fundraising and cared for patients

**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D., Political Science, New York University, June 2006**

Specialization in International Relations and Comparative Politics

Dissertation Title: *Local Violence, International Indifference? Post-Conflict 'settlement' in the Eastern D.R. Congo (2003-2005)*

Committee: Elisabeth Jean Wood and Timothy Mitchell (co-chairs), Stephen John Stedman, Kevin Dunn, Jean-Claude Willame, Shepard Forman

**M.A., International Affairs, Columbia University, June 2000**

Specialization in Economic and Political Development and in Humanitarian Affairs

**M.A., Political and Social Sciences, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (*Sciences-Po*), France, July 1999**

Specialization in International Relations

## **B.A., Political Science, Sorbonne University, France, July 1997**

Specialization in Political Science, minor in Literature and Communication

## **CLASSES TAUGHT AND PH.D. SUPERVISION**

### **Graduate classes**

Civil Wars and Peace Settlements (M.A. Seminar, SIPA, Columbia University, 2007, 2008, 2014, and 2016)

Civil Wars and Peace Settlements in Africa (M.A. seminar, Yale University, 2007)

Debates on International Peace Interventions: Constructivists, Critical Theorists, Post-Structuralists, Feminists, and their Critics (Ph.D. seminar, GSAS, Columbia University, 2013 and 2014)

### **Undergraduate classes**

Aid, Politics, and Violence in Africa (Colloquium, Barnard College, Columbia University, 2008, 2009, 2013, 2014, and 2015)

Building Peace (Colloquium, Barnard College, Columbia University, 2014, 2015, and 2016)

Civil Wars and International Interventions in Africa (Lecture class, Columbia University, 2008, 2010, 2013, and 2015)

Senior Research Seminar (Barnard College, Columbia University, AY 2007-2008; 2008-2009, and 2009-2010)

Supervised Faculty-Student Research (Barnard College, 2014 and 2015)

### **Ph.D. supervision**

Member of six Ph.D. committees, Columbia University (USA), Yale University (USA), New School University (USA), University of Basel (Switzerland), and University of Bremen (Germany)

Outside examiner for eight Ph.D. dissertation defenses, Columbia University and New York University

Approved as dissertation sponsor for Columbia Ph.D. students in political science (in 2013)

## **TALKS AND CONFERENCES**

### **Invited Presentations**

*International Peacebuilding and Local Success: Assumptions, Myths, and Reality* (various versions presented at:)

Workshop, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Bogotá, Colombia, November 2017 (scheduled)

Seminar, New York University Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, September 2017 (scheduled)

*Peaceland: Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Intervention*

Public lecture, New York University Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, September 2017 (scheduled)

Public lecture, New York University, New York, NY, USA, February 2016

Public lecture, New York University, New York, NY, USA, November 2016

Public lecture, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, October 2016

Schaehrer Memorial lecture, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, September 2016  
 Public lecture, University of California – Irvine, CA, USA, May 2016  
 Elizabeth Colson Lecture, Oxford University, United Kingdom, May 2016  
 Public lecture, Trento University, Italy, May 2016  
 Seminar, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, April 2016  
 Colloquium, City University of New York, NY, USA, March 2016  
 Keynote address, Annual meeting of the German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies,  
 Bonn, Germany, March 2016  
 Public lecture, London School of Economics, London, United Kingdom, February 2016  
 Public lecture, Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Canada, February 2016  
 Public lecture, Barnard College – Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, October 2015  
 Colloquium, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA, October 2015  
 Roundtable, Sciences Po - CERI, Paris, France, June 2015  
 Panel, Folke Bernadotte Academy working groups, Stockholm, Sweden, June 2015  
 Seminar, Cambridge University, UK, May 2015  
 Public lecture, Nordic Africa Institute, Sweden, May 2015  
 Keynote lecture, Queen's College, ON, Canada, April 2015  
 Seminar, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA, April 2015  
 Panel, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY, USA, March 2015  
 Seminar, Balsillie School of International Affairs, Waterloo, ON, Canada, March 2015  
 Seminar, MIT, Boston, MA, USA, March 2015  
 Seminar, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, USA, February 2015  
 Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC, USA, February 2015  
 Book launch event, King's College, London, UK, January 2015  
 Seminar, Sciences-Po - CERI, Paris, France, January 2015  
 Seminar, University Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France, January 2015  
 Book launch event, Columbia University, NY, USA, October 2014  
 Public lecture, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, October 2014  
 Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC, USA, September 2014  
 Walker Horizon lecture, DePauw University, IN, USA, September 2014  
 Seminar, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, June 2014  
 Book launch event, University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland, June 2014  
 Seminar, Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal, Canada, May 2014, in French  
 Keynote address, University of Reading, UK, May 2014  
 Panel, Université de Laval, Canada, March 2014, in French  
 Public lecture, University of Notre Dame, IN, USA, February 2014  
 Research seminar, Université de Montréal, Canada, December 2013, in French  
 Public lecture, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, USA, September 2013

*The Trouble With the Congo: Local Violence and the Failure of International Peacebuilding*  
 Public lecture, University of Maryland - Baltimore County, USA, October 2017 (scheduled)  
 Seminar, Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal, Canada, May 2014, in French  
 Seminar, Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal, Canada, May 2013, in French  
 Keynote address, New York University, NY, USA, April 2013  
 Grawemeyer Lecture, University of Louisville, KY, USA, April 2012  
 Public lecture, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, USA, January 2012  
 Public lecture, Boston University, Boston, MA, USA, March 2011  
 Public lecture, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, March 2011  
 Public lecture, Egmont Institute, Brussels, Belgium, November 2010  
 Public lecture, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, November 2010  
 Book launch event, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, November 2010  
 Seminar, Norwegian Institute for International Affairs, Oslo, Norway, November 2010  
 Literary salon, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway, November 2010  
 Panel, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, USA, November 2010



Public lecture, American University, Washington, DC, USA, November 2010  
Public lecture, US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, USA, September 2010  
Panel, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain, May 2010  
Panel, Columbia University, New York, NY, March 2010

*International Peacebuilding and Local Success: Assumptions and Effectiveness* (various versions presented at:)

Seminar, Florida International University, Miami, USA, April 2017  
Seminar, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, December 2016  
Seminar, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, September 2016  
Seminar, City University of New York, NY, September 2016  
Seminar, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, USA, April 2016

*The Responsibility to Protect in Congo: The Failure of Grassroots Prevention* (various versions presented at:)

Panel, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, October 2016  
Panel, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN, USA, March 2009

*Civil Wars and Peace Building: Life and Work in Conflict Zones*

Master's Tea, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA, October 2015

*Lessons from Peaceland*

Phi Beta Kappa address for initiation ceremonies, Barnard College, Columbia University, December 2014 and May 2015

*Peacebuilders: An Ethnography of International Intervention* (various versions presented at:)

Seminar, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, May 2013  
Keynote address, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, May 2013  
Public lecture, Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal, Canada, May 2013, in French  
Seminar, University of Denver, Denver, CO, USA, April 2013  
Seminar, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, March 2013  
Seminar, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA, February 2013  
Public lecture, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, January 2013  
Seminar, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA, October 2012  
Book incubation workshop, Columbia University, NY, USA, September 2012

*Paternalism and International Peacebuilding*

Workshop, George Washington University, Washington, DC, October 2013

*International Interventions*

Panel, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, USA, February 2013

*Peacebuilding in Practice: An Ethnography of International Intervention* (various versions presented at:)

Seminar, Vassar College, NY, USA, March 2012  
Seminar, Rutgers University, NJ, USA, January 2012  
Seminar, Uppsala University, Sweden, December 2011  
Public lecture, Barnard College, New York, USA, November 2011

*New Directions in Peace and Conflict Research*

Keynote speech, Swedish National Ph.D. Conference on Peace and Conflict Research, Stockholm, Sweden, December 2011

*Elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo*

Panel, Columbia University, New York, USA, November 2011

*State Building in the DRC: Theory and Practice*

Public lecture, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, DC, USA, March 2011

*War-Torn Societies and External Interventions: A Fieldwork Conversation*

Seminar, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, March 2011

*When the West Meets the Rest: Understanding How International Interventions Operate on the Ground*

Seminar, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, March 2011

*Explaining the Effectiveness of International Peacebuilding: What Anthropology Can Contribute to Political Science Research on International Interventions in Civil Wars*

Workshop, Peace Research Institute, Oslo, Norway, February 2011

*Institutional Voids and Local Peacebuilding*

Panel, New York University, New York, NY, March 2010

*Failing the Congo: Local Violence and the Failure of International Peacebuilding* (various versions presented at:)

Lecture, World Affairs Council of Western Michigan, Grand Rapids, MI, USA, February 2010

Lecture, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA, October 2009

Panel, Egmont Institute / Institute for Security Studies, Pretoria, South Africa, August 2009

Panel, Sciences-Po – CERF / CNRS, Paris, France, May 2009, in French

Panel, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, April 2009

Seminar, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, April 2009

Lecture, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC, USA, October 2008

Public lecture, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN, USA, May 2008

Roundtable, Yale University, New Haven, USA, February 2008

Panel, Observatoire de l'Afrique / Institute for Security Studies, Pretoria, South Africa, May 2008

*Failing the Congo and State of the Field*

Workshop, MIT, Cambridge, MA, USA, February 2009

*Hobbes and the Congo: Frames, Local Violence, and International Intervention* (various versions presented at:)

Workshop, Norwegian Institute for International Affairs, Oslo, Norway, June 2008

Workshop, Folke Bernadotte Academy and Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA, December 2006

Workshop, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA, November 2006

*Local Violence, International Indifference? The Failure of Peace Building in the Congo* (various versions presented at:)

Lecture, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, September 2007

Seminar, Council on African Studies, Five Colleges, Amherst, MA, USA, March 2007

Workshop, The New School, New York, NY, USA, January 2007

Job Talk, Conflict Studies Program, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, December 2006

Job Talk, Political Science Department, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, December 2006

Job Talk, Political Science Department, Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, November 2006

Job Talk, School of International Affairs, American University, Washington, DC, USA, November 2006

Seminar, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, USA, November 2005

*Local Violence, National Peace? Local Dynamics of Violence During the Transition in the Eastern D.R. Congo* (various versions presented at:)

Seminar, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA, October 2006

Seminar, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA, September 2006

*Researching Local Conflict in the D.R. Congo: Challenges, Dilemmas, and Serendipities*

Workshop, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA, April 2006

*Ethical Dilemmas and Human Subjects*

Workshop, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA, April 2006

*Research Findings on International Intervention in the Congo*

Workshop, The New School, New York, NY, USA, November 2005

*Explaining the Humanitarian Policies of States: US Policy in Afghanistan after 9/11*

Panel, New York University, New York, NY, USA, April 2003

*Local Violence, International Indifference? The Politics of the Peace Process in the Eastern D.R. Congo*

Panel, The New School, New York, NY, USA, December 2004

### **Conference Papers**

*International Peacebuilding and Local Success: Assumptions, Myths, and Reality* (various versions presented at:)

Panel, International Studies Association Conference, February 2017

Panel, African Studies Association Conference, December 2016

Panel, American Political Science Association Conference, September 2016

Panel, International Studies Association Conference, March 2016

*International Change In/Through Practice*

Panel, International Studies Association Conference, February 2017

*How Do We Know Peace?*

Sapphire panel, International Studies Association Conference, March 2016

*The Surprising Peace: Understanding International Contributions to Successful Peacebuilding*

Panel, International Studies Association Conference, March 2016

*Histories of Peace?*

Panel, International Studies Association Conference, March 2016

*Going Micro: Emerging and Future Peacekeeping Research*

Panel, International Studies Association Conference, February 2015

*Peaceland: Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Intervention – Conclusion*

Panel, International Studies Association Conference, February 2015

*Ethics Questions your IRB can't answer*

Panel, Short course, American Political Science Association Conference, August 2014

*Peaceland: Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Intervention – Introduction*

Panel, Congrès de l'Association Française de Science Politique, June 2015

Panel, African Studies Association Conference, November 2014

Panel, American Political Science Association Conference, August 2014

Panel, European Political Science Association Conference, June 2014

Panel, British International Studies Association Conference, June 2014

Panel, International Studies Association Conference, March 2014

Panel, Workshop prior to International Studies Association Conference, March 2014

*The Politics of Knowledge in Peaceland* (various versions presented at:)

Panel, International Studies Association Conference, March 2014

Panel, International Studies Association Conference, March 2013

*Peacebuilders: An Ethnography of International intervention – Introduction* (various versions presented at:)

Panel, American Political Science Association Conference, September 2013

Panel, International Studies Association Conference, March 2013

Panel, African Studies Association Conference, November 2012

*"We, the International Community:" Understanding International Peace Interventions in Practice*

Panel, International Studies Association Conference, April 2012

Panel, African Studies Association Conference, November 2011

Panel, PRIO / Peace and Conflict Studies in Anthropology Conference, Nicosia, Cyprus, September 2011

*When the West Meets the Rest – Understanding How International Interventions Operate on the ground*

Panel, International Studies Association Conference, March 2011

*Concluding chapter from "The Trouble with the Congo"* (various versions presented at:)

Panel, International Studies Association Conference, March 2011

Panel, African Studies Association Conference, November 2010

Panel, American Political Science Association Conference, September 2010

*Beyond the Critique of the Liberal Peace*

Roundtable, International Studies Association conference, February 2010

*Seeing Like a Peacebuilder – An Ethnography of International Intervention*

Panel, International Studies Association Conference, February 2010

*Failing the Congo. International Intervention and Local Violence* (various versions presented at:)

Panel, African Studies Association Conference, November 2009

Panel, American Political Science Association Conference, September 2009

*The Peacebuilding World* (various versions presented at:)

Panel, American Political Science Association Conference, September 2009

Panel, International Studies Association Conference, March 2009

Panel, American Political Science Association Conference, August 2008

*Hobbes and the Congo: Framing Processes and Continued Local Violence During the Congolese Transition (2003 – 2006)* (various versions presented at:)

Panel, International Studies Association Conference, San Francisco, March 2008

Panel, African Studies Association Conference, October 2007

Panel, African Studies Association Conference, November 2006

*Local Violence, National Peace? Local Dynamics of Violence During the Transition in the Eastern D.R. Congo*

Panel, African Studies Association Conference, November 2005

## **Policy Talks**

*International Peacebuilding and Local Success: Assumptions and Effectiveness*

Seminar, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm, Sweden, May 2017

*Peaceland: Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Intervention*

Workshop, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Bogotá, Colombia, November 2017 (scheduled)

Panel, Deutscher Evangelischer Kirchentag, Berlin, Germany, May 2017

Public lecture, Future of War Conference, New America and Arizona State University, Washington, DC, March 2017

Webinar, World Vision, via Skype, March 2017

Training, Joint Program Induction Training for United Nations Peace and Development Advisers, UN Political Affairs Department, UN Development Program, and Folke Bernadotte Academy, New York, NY, USA, February 2017

Briefing, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra, Australia, October 2016

Public lecture, IVY, New York, NY, August 2016

Training, Joint Program Induction Training for United Nations Peace and Development Advisers, UN Political Affairs Department, UN Development Program, and Folke Bernadotte Academy, New York, NY, USA, June 2016

Brownbag lunch talk, United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations, New York, NY, USA, May 2016

Seminar, Barnard Alumnae Association, Washington, DC, USA, April 2016

Public lecture, German Development Institute and Bonn International Center for Conversion, Bonn, Germany, March 2016

Seminar, Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Canada, February 2015

Ignite presentation, International Peace Institute, New York, NY, USA, November 2015

Public lecture, World Bank, Washington, DC, USA, October 2015

Public lecture, Raising the Bar, New York, NY, USA, June 2015

Panel, International Peace Institute, New York, NY, USA, May 2015

Briefing, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Stockholm, Sweden, May 2015

Briefing, French Foreign Affairs Ministry, Paris, France, January 2015, in French

Seminar, Overseas Development Institute, London, UK, January 2015

Briefing, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY, USA, November 2014

Briefing, International Rescue Committee, New York, NY, USA, October 2014

Book launch event, Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, New York, NY, USA, October 2014

Briefing, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, USA, September 2014

Book launch event, Center for Global Development, Washington, DC, USA, August 2014

Book launch event, Quaker UN Office, New York, NY, USA, June 2014

Book launch event, SwissPeace, Bern, Switzerland, June 2014

Book launch event, International Peace Institute, New York, USA, June 2014

*Conflict Resolution: Local vs. National Approaches*

Panel, United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations, New York, NY, USA, May 2017

*How to Advance the Research on Peacebuilding in Africa: Comments*

Panel, Carnegie Corporation, New York, NY, USA, May 2017

*The Trouble With the Congo: Local Violence and the Failure of International Peacebuilding*  
(various versions presented at:)

Seminar, United State Department of State's Foreign Service Institute, via Skype, June 2015 and August 2015

Seminar, Centre for Conflict Resolution, Cape Town, South Africa, May 2015

Panel, Swedish Parliament, Stockholm, Sweden, May 2015

Panel, United Nations Side Event, New York, USA, February 2014

Panel, 13th World Summit of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates, Warsaw, Poland, October 2013

Panel, Congo in Harlem Festival, New York, USA, October 2013

Great Lakes Policy Forum, Washington, DC, USA, April 2013

Workshop, Partnership Africa - Canada, Ottawa, Canada, January 2013

Lecture, World Affairs Council of Central Illinois, Springfield, IL, USA, November 2012

Briefing, Committee on Foreign Relations, Louisville, Kentucky, April 2012

Lecture, Nordic Africa Institute and Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Stockholm, Sweden, November 2012

Briefing, United Nations Stabilization Mission in Congo, Goma, D.R. Congo, December 2010

- Book launch event, International Peace Institute, New York, NY, USA, November 2010  
 Panel, Yale University, New Haven, USA, CT, February 2009  
 Panel, Great Lakes Policy Forum and Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars,  
 Washington, DC, USA, January 2009  
 Lecture, Le Cercle, Washington, DC, USA, November 2008
- Inclusive Peacebuilding*  
 Roundtable, Swedish Foreign Affairs Ministry and Stockholm International Peace Research  
 Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, May 2015
- The Future of Peace Operations*  
 Roundtable, Swedish Foreign Affairs Ministry and Stockholm International Peace Research  
 Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, May 2015
- To Solve Mass Violence, Look to Locals*  
 TED Talk, TED global conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, October 2014
- Narratives of Violence in Congo*  
 Briefing, International Women's Media Foundation training program, Nairobi, Kenya, July 2014  
 Briefing, International Women's Media Foundation training program, via Skype, March 2014
- Reducing the Risk of Violence: What Do We Know About What Works*  
 Panel, World Bank and International Development Research Centre, Nairobi, Kenya, May 2013
- Restraining the Toll of War and Violence*  
 Public televised panel, University of Virginia, VA, USA, February 2013
- Conflict in Congo: Violence, Conflict Minerals, Sexual Abuses, and Statebuilding*  
 Briefing, Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, Ottawa, Canada, January 2013
- Peaceland: An Ethnography of International Intervention*  
 Workshop, Life and Peace Institute and Burundi Tugenderubuntu, Bujumbura, Burundi,  
 November 2012
- Dangerous Tales: Dominant Narratives on the Congo and their Unintended Consequences*  
 (various versions presented at)  
 Briefing, Wellspring Advisor, Washington, DC, USA, March 2011  
 Briefing, Great Lakes Interagency Working Group, US Department of State, Washington, DC,  
 USA, March 2011  
 Briefing, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY, USA, March 2011
- Local Dynamics of Violence in the Congo*  
 Lecture, Rift Valley Institute, Entebbe, Uganda, July 2010
- The Failure to Address Root Causes*  
 Lecture, Rift Valley Institute, Entebbe, Uganda, July 2010
- The Responsibility to Protect in Congo: The Failure of Grassroots Prevention*  
 Panel, International Peace Institute and Austrian Federal Ministry for European and  
 International Affairs, Vienna, Austria, June 2009
- Understanding the Congolese Conflict*  
 Lecture, Senior Manager Course in National Security, US Department of Defense, George  
 Washington University and MIT, New York, NY, USA, April 2008
- Opening remarks for roundtable "Consolidating the Peace in DRC: The Challenge of Eastern  
 Congo,"*  
 Briefing, Council on Foreign Relations, Center for Preventive Action, Washington, DC, USA,  
 November 2007

*Understanding the Crisis in the Eastern Congo*

Briefing, Action Against Hunger, Kinshasa, D.R. Congo, June 2007

Briefing, Action Against Hunger, Bukavu, D.R. Congo, June 2007

*The Current Situation in the Kivus*

Briefing, Action Against Hunger, Bukavu, D.R. Congo, April 2005

*Afghanistan: A Report from the Field*

Panel, New York University, New York, NY, USA, March 2003

*The Current Situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo*

Briefing, Medicos Sin Fronteras, Barcelona, Spain, August 2003

*The Current Situation in Afghanistan*

Briefing, Medicos Sin Fronteras, Barcelona, Spain, August 2002

*Kosovo: Point of View of a Humanitarian Field Worker*

Panel, International Academy of Achievement, London, UK, October 2000

**Guest lectures**

*Colonial Legacies and Ethnic Conflict*

Graduate lecture class on Conceptual Foundations of International Politics, Columbia University, New York, USA, November 2016

*Constructivism and Ethnography*

Graduate seminar on Research Methods, Columbia University, February 2015

*Dynamics of Violence in Congo*

Undergraduate colloquium on Civil and Ethnic War, Insurgency, and Terrorism, University of Notre Dame, IN, USA, February 2014

*Resources and Conflict in Congo*

Graduate seminar on Energy, Environment, and Resource Security, New York University, New York, NY, USA, November 2012

*Africa*

Undergraduate lecture class on Introduction to Global Studies, University of Illinois, Springfield, IL, USA, November 2012

*Congo*

Undergraduate lecture class on Introduction to African Studies, Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, USA, October 2012

*Constructivism*

Graduate lecture class on Conceptual Foundations of International Politics, Columbia University, New York, USA, October 2012

*Congo: Violence and International Peacebuilding*

Graduate seminar on Democracy, Citizenship and Leadership in Africa, Columbia University, New York, USA, October 2012

*International Organizations*

Graduate lecture class on Conceptual Foundations of International Politics, Columbia University, New York, USA, November 2011

*The Trouble With the Congo: Local Violence and the Failure of International Peacebuilding,*

Undergraduate seminar on African Politics, Yeshiva University, New York, NY, USA, November 2009

*Failing the Congo - African Security Issues: Local vs. Global*

Graduate seminar on Globalization and Politics in Africa, Columbia University, New York, NY, February 2009

*Post-Conflict Reconstruction in the Congo*

Undergraduate seminar on Humanitarian Interventions, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN, April 2008

*Local Violence, International Indifference? The Failure of Peace Building in the Congo*

Undergraduate lecture class on Comparative Politics, Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, NY, November 2007

Graduate Seminar on Low-Intensity Conflict, SIPA, Columbia University, New York, NY, September 2007

*Conducting Fieldwork in the Midst of Continuing Violence: Congo, 2004 - 2006*

Qualitative Field Research seminar, Political Science Department, Yale University, New Haven, CT, September 2006

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Media briefings**

TV: Appeared on *Washington Forum* (Voice of America, USA), *The Agenda with Steve Paikin* (TVO, Canada), *News* (Al Jazeera America, USA), *Global Ethics Forum* (CUNY TV), *Le Journal* (France 24), *Morning News* (Al Jazeera America, USA), the *Miller Forum* (PBS, USA), Radio Télévision Nationale Congolaise news (RTNC, Congo), *Worldfocus News* (PBS, USA), and the *Charlie Rose Show* (PBS, USA)

Radio: Interviewed on *Newsday* (BBC), *World in Progress* (Deutsche Welle, Germany), *Visão Global* (Rádio e Televisão de Portugal), *Invité Afrique* (RFI, France), *Business Matters* (BBC World, UK), *News* (Radio Algeria, Algeria), *Destellos* (Europea Media, Spain), *Late City Edition* (WKCR, USA), *Daybreak Africa* (Voice of America, USA), *The World* (PRI and BBC, USA), *Rear Vision* (ABC Radio National, Australia), *Outlook* (Voice of Russia, USA / Russia), WFPL (USA), *Afrik'Hebdo* (RTBF, Belgium), *How We Got Here* (BBC and PRI, USA), BBC News (BBC, UK), Radio France International news (RFI, France), Worldfocus Talk show (BlogTalkRadio, USA), *Guests from Around the World* (Worldstreams, USA), and Global News Roundup (WKCR, USA)

Newspapers and magazines: Interviewed by *IRIN News* (Switzerland), *Le Monde* (France), *Al-Fanar* (UK), *Vice* (USA), *Gazeta Liberty* (Poland), *Motherboard* (USA), *Deutsche Welle* (Germany), *Mänsklig Säkerhet* (Sweden), *Investors* (USA), *The Guardian* (UK), *The Boston Globe* (USA), *O Globo* (Brazil), *Epoca* (Brazil), *Duck of Minerva* (US), *Cicero Magazine* (US), *Al Jazeera* (UK), *La Libre Belgique* (Belgium), *CBCNews* (Canada), *Christianity Today* (USA), *Consilience* (USA), *Mediapart* (France), *Grotius* (France), *All Africa*, *The Courier-Journal* (USA), *UN News*, *Christian Science Monitor* (USA), *Pravda* (Slovak Republic), *Foreign Policy Blog* (USA), *The Politics* (USA), *Valeurs Actuelles* (France), *El Nacional* (Venezuela), *El Mercurio* (Chile), *Expresso* (Portugal), *the Washington Post* (USA), *Newsweek* (USA), *Reliefweb* (UN), *The Columbia Political Review* (USA), *The Spectator* (USA), *Inter Press Service News Agency* (Italy).

Social media: TED talk on stopping mass violence with more than 745,000 views. List of additional social media contributions (blog posts and online interviews) available at <http://www.severineautesserre.com/media>

Grawemeyer award and African Affairs article featured in hundreds of news sources



## **Editorial Contributions**

Editorial Board member for the *Journal of Global Security Studies* (2014 – present)

Editorial Board member for the journal *Peacebuilding* (2014 – present)

Editorial Board member for the book series *Rethinking Peace and Conflict Studies*, Palgrave MacMillan (2014 – present)

International Editorial Advisory Board member for the *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding* (2013 – present)

Reviewer for *African Affairs*, *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review*, Cambridge University Press, *Democratization*, *Études Internationales*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Organization*, *International Peacekeeping*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of International Development*, *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, the *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Journal of Peace Research*, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Review of International Studies*, Routledge, *Security Dialogue*, *Stability: International Journal of Security and Development*, and University of Pennsylvania Press

Advisory group member for International Peace Institute's project on *Understanding Compliance with Security Council Demands in Post-Cold War Civil Wars* (2009-2011)

Expert advisory group member of Stimson Center's project on *Engaging Community Voices* (2012-2013)

Advisory board member for *Consilience: The Journal of Sustainable Development* (2007-2011)

Advisory group member for Council on Foreign Relations' Special Report on the Democratic Republic of Congo (2008)

## **Community Service**

Member of the Board of Advisors for the non-governmental organization *Peace Direct* (2017 – present)

Serve as Expert Affidavit Writer for Pro-Bono Asylum cases

## **Professional Service**

External reviewer for tenure cases, University of California, Naval Postgraduate School, and Temple University (2016 – present)

Member of the International Studies Association committee on the United Nations Partnership (2015 - 2016)

Organized panels for the American Political Science Association Conference (2010), the International Studies Association Conference (2008, 2009, and 2015) and the African Studies Association Conference (2007, 2009, and 2010). Chaired panels at the International Studies Association Conference (2011, 2013, 2014, and 2015) and at the European Political Science Association Conference (2014). Served as discussant at the International Studies Association Conference (2012 and 2014).

Discussant for Sarah Bush's book launch event, *The Taming of Democracy Assistance*, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, USA, October 2015

Member of American Political Science Association's 2014 Giovanni Sartori Best Book Award Committee (2014)

Member of the International Studies Association's 2012 Chadwick Alger Prize best book award committee

Reviewer for the National Science Foundation (USA), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, and the selection committee of the Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order

### **University Service**

Organized, chaired, moderated, and served as discussant for various talks and events at Columbia University (2007 – present)

Faculty advisor for exchange program between Barnard Political Science Department and Sciences-Po Paris (2008 – present)

Member of the Faculty Steering Committee for the Columbia Global Centers in Africa (2012 - 2018)

Advisor for political science majors, human rights majors, and first-year and sophomore students (2007 – present)

Member of the Barnard Search Committee for a Visiting (Term) Assistant / Associate Professor of International Relations (2017)

Chair of the Barnard Search Committee for a Visiting (Term) Assistant / Associate Professor of International Relations (2016)

Elected Member of the Barnard Faculty Budget Planning Committee (2015 - 2016)

Member of the Barnard Search Committee for Political Science Department administrator (2015)

Chair of the Barnard Search Committee for Fall Teaching Assistants in Political Science (2015)

Elected Member of the Barnard Faculty Finance and Resources Committee (2013 - 2015)

Member of the Barnard Joint Faculty and Administrator Benefits Committee (2013 - 2015)

Member of the Columbia Reading Committee for the Alliance Ph.D. Mobility Grant (2015)

Member of the Barnard Comparative Politics search committee (2014 - 2015)

Member of AC4 Graduate Student Fellowship Selection Committee, Earth Institute, Columbia University (2014)

Co-Organizer of the Columbia University International Politics Seminar series (2012 - 2013)

Member of the Barnard Committee on Online and On-campus Learning (2012 - 2013)

Barnard Faculty Representative to Columbia Community Service Board (2012 - 2013)

Member of the Senior Capstone Restructuring Committee, Barnard Political Science Department (2012 - 2013)

Member of the faculty advisory committee for Barnard symposium in Africa (2010 - 2011)

Member of the Barnard College Committee on Honors (2009 – 2010)

Member of Selection Committee for the 2009 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, Columbia University Institute of African Studies

Barnard College Faculty Teller (2008)

Member of advisory group for conference on "The Democratic Republic of Congo at a Crossroads: Finding Its Way," Columbia University, March 2006

### **Professional Development**

Foreign Policy Interrupted Fellowship, 2016

Hostile Environments and Emergency First Aid, Global Journalist Security, Nairobi, Kenya, July 2014

Reacting to the Past Summer Institute, Barnard College, New York, USA, June 2014

International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap project, Washington, D.C., USA, June 2012

Academic Exchange Program, Yitzhak Rabin Center, Israel, June 2012

### **Professional Organizations**

Member of American Political Science Association since 2003

Member of African Studies Association since 2004

Member of International Studies Association since 2007

Member of Peace Science Society (2004 - 2006)

### **LANGUAGES**

French : native

English : fluent

Spanish : proficient

Swahili : basic knowledge

German : basic knowledge