

Curriculum Vitae
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Education:

present PhD Student, Department of Political Science, Yale University
(qualifications in: Comparative Politics; International Relations; Qualitative Methods)

2020 MPhil Political Science, Department of Political Science, Yale University

2015 MA Applied Quantitative Research, Department of Sociology, New York University

2010 MA Gender Studies, Department of Gender Studies, University College London

2007 BSc Economics, Department of Economics, California Polytechnic State University

Work in Progress:

“Evangelists for Women’s Rights: Framing, Deliberation, & Information Transmission with Faith Leaders in Afghanistan.”

Mixed-methods study of effects of a faith leader “Gender in Islam” training-of-trainers project (treatment) to situate women’s rights, political participation, and ending violence against women within sacred text and practice. Primary data: 533 surveys, 31 key informant interviews, and 12 focus group discussions with faith leaders, women shura, and households across 11 communities in 3 districts (Herat, Afghanistan).

“(Gendered) Patterns of Collaboration with al-Shabaab.”

Multi-method study to (1) examine locally-defined vulnerability and (2) test causal relationship between vulnerability and cooperation with violent non-state actors. Feasibility/Piloting: June 2019, funded by Program on Refugees, Forced Displacement, and Humanitarian Responses at Yale University MacMillan Center.

“Authority Figures & Attitude Change: A Multi-Country Field Experiment” with Elizabeth Nugent.

Behavioral survey experiment testing varying causal influence of faith leaders and sacred text on community attitude change. Survey instrument uses one of three priming exercises: Telling respondent local faith leader has (1) endorsed, (2) endorsed with religious justification from sacred text, or (3) demonstrated endorsement through own behavior change. Piloting: Fall 2020 – Spring 2021.

“Complexity and Collaboration: Women’s Roles in Extremist and Resistance Organizations, Case Studies from Syrian, Kurdish, and Palestinian Women.”

Mixed-methods study of women’s roles – ranging from refugees, peacebuilders, and combatants – in conflict. Data Collection (ongoing): Somalia/land (2019); Afghanistan (2017); Syrian, Kurdish, and Palestinian women in Lebanon (2015); Tajikistan borderlands (2011).

“Navigating Conflict as Woman” with Laura Sjoberg. (see above for description/data)

Other Publications:

2020 “Linkages Between Violence Against Children and Violence Against Women: An evidence, narrative, and policy review”, World Vision International. (second author)

2020 “The UK’s Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative: Joint Review”, Independent Commission for Aid Impact. (sole author)

- 2019 “Gender, Cash, and Conflict: Gendered Protection Implications of Cash & Voucher Assistance in Somalia/Somaliland”, CARE International. (first author)
- 2019 “Learning for Gender Integration, Nicaragua Ex-Post Evaluation”, Lutheran World Relief. (second author)
- 2018 “Compendium of Women, Peace and Security Indicators”, United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations, February. (sole author)
- 2017 “Gender and Youth Analysis” *Country Study*, DFSA Livelihood for Resilience programs, Catholic Relief Services, December. (second author)
- 2017 “Accessing Marginal Voices and Integrating Gender for Evaluation and Research in Displacement Settings,” *Connections*, European Evaluation Society, November. (sole author)
- 2017 “Plateau Will Rise! Project, Phase I and II” *Final External Evaluation Report*, Search for Common Ground Nigeria, October. (first author)
- 2017 “Enhancing Women’s Civil & Political Participation in Herat,” World Vision, August. (sole author).
- 2017 “Cash-based Interventions for Education in Refugees Settings,” UNHCR, August. (sole author)
- 2017 “Best Practices for Cash-based Interventions for Education in Displacement Settings,” UNHCR, August. (sole author)
- 2016 “Meta-Analysis: UNTF VAWG Grantee Projects from 2008-2012,” United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, August. (sole author)
- 2016 “Meta-Evaluation: UNTF VAWG Grantee Projects from 2008-2012,” United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, June. (sole author)
- 2016 “Enhancing a community-based multi-sectoral response to gender-based violence in Ban Mai Nai Soi and Ban Mae Surin, Karenni refugee camps, November 2012 – October 2015,” International Rescue Committee, January. (sole author)
- 2016 “Syrian Refugee Child Outcomes & Multi-purpose Cash Assistance Research, Lebanon,” Lebanon Cash Consortium and UNHCR, January. (sole author)
- 2015 “Where’s the Debt?: Analysis of the Hidden Debt Network Sustaining Syrian Refugee Households in Lebanon,” Lebanon Cash Consortium, September. (first author)
- 2015 “Fearless: Standing with women and girls to end violence,” Action Aid, July. (co-author)
- 2015 “Building Capacity for Disability Inclusion in Gender-based Violence Programming in Humanitarian Settings,” Women’s Refugee Commission, March. (co-author)
- 2015 “Using NVivo for Mixed Methods Research,” QSR International, February. (sole author)
- 2015 “Insecure Masculinity and Extreme Political Action in the Middle East and North Africa,” January. (sole author)

- 2014 “Definitions and Data Essential to Fight against Gender-based Violence”, *FXB Center for Health & Human Rights* blog, Harvard University, December 4. (sole author)
- 2014 “Sakhi Domestic Violence & Economic Empowerment Programming Evaluation 2014,” Sakhi for South Asian Women, October. (first author)
- 2013 “Toward a More Inclusive Islam: The Inclusive Mosque Initiative,” *Muftah*, December 18. (sole author)
- 2011 “Quietly Resisting in Tajikistan,” *The Heptagon Post*, April 28. (sole author)
- 2010 “Dropout & Performance: An assessment of Mimo Finance’s dropout rate,” London School of Economics and SMDI, November. (first author)

Field Research (including interviews, focus group discussions, and surveys):

Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia (Summer 2019); Idaho, United States (March 2019); Central African Republic (December 2017); Ethiopia (August 2017); Nigeria (July 2017); Afghanistan (May 2017); Kenya (April 2017); Lebanon (June-August, October-November 2015); Thailand (November-December 2015); Tajikistan (February-May 2011); India (September 2011)

Fellowships and Awards:

2019 Fellowship, Program on Refugees, Forced Displacement, and Humanitarian Responses, Yale University MacMillan Center

Invited Presentations (Last Five Years):

- 2019 Goldin Institute, September – virtual
- 2018 DME for Peace, November – virtual
Global Gender Meeting, United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations, January – Entebbe, Uganda
- 2017 USAID Livelihoods Meeting, November – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2016 United Nations Trust Fund, August - UN Women Headquarters, New York, New York, USA
Johns Hopkins, School of Advanced International Studies, April – Washington, DC, USA
- 2015 One Earth Future Fund, August – Denver, Colorado, USA
Lebanon Cash Consortium, August – Beirut, Lebanon
QSR International, April – virtual

Conference Presentations (Last Five Years):

- 2020 Global Migration Conference, IAS, Washington University, February – St. Louis, Missouri, USA
- 2019 Advancing Research in Conflict, August – Washington, DC, USA
International Studies Association, March – Toronto, Canada
- 2016 Impact Converge Conference, Carter Center, October – Atlanta, Georgia
- 2015 ERC Conference, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, November – Geneva, Switzerland

Teaching:

- PLSC 111 International Relations (2019-2020), Teaching Fellow, Yale University
- GC2550 Gender, Data & Development (2017 – 2018), Adjunct Professor, New York University
- WGS 101 Gender Studies (2014 – 2017), Adjunct Professor, Rutgers University

Research and Language Skills:

Spanish (advanced speaking); Arabic (basic speaking); French (basic speaking); Tajik (basic speaking)
R, STATA, and NVivo software (professional proficiency)

Relevant Professional Experience:

- 2019 – *Principal Investigator & Team Leader*, Independent Commission for Aid Impact
- 2018 – *Multi- and Mixed-Methods Consultant*, StatLab, Yale University
- 2016 – *Founding Member & Principal Investigator*, The Consortium for Research on Violent Extremism in Africa (CoRVEA)
- 2015 – *Principal Investigator*, Women in Conflict Project
- 2011 – *Founder & CEO, Women/Gender, Peace and Security Advisor*, Global Insight
- 2009-10 *Policy Coordinator*, Women’s Budget Group

Consultant:

UN Department of Political & Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA), UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO, now DPO), Independent Commission for Aide Impact (London), Search for Common Ground (Nigeria), World Vision (International and Afghanistan offices), International Rescue Committee (Lebanon, Thailand), UN Women (various), UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women (Thailand, US HQ), UN High Commissioner for Refugees (various), Care International (USA, Ethiopia, Somalia/land), Plan International (US, Nepal, India), Mimoza Finance (India).