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CURRENT POSITION: Associate 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

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 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

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*, accepted for publication, in production (corrected proofs available), forthcoming Spring 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

"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

"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

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

"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)

Fulbright 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'Études 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:)

Seminar, Florida International University, Miami, USA, March 2017 (scheduled)

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

Peaceland: Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Intervention

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

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

Schaefer 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 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

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

Public lecture, University of Maryland - Baltimore County, USA, November 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

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 – CERI / 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

Promoting Peacebuilding Effectiveness: External Interventions and Local Successes

Panel, International Studies Association Conference, February 2017 (scheduled)

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

- Panel, International Studies Association Conference, February 2017 (scheduled)
- 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 (scheduled)

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

Peaceland: Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Intervention

Panel, Deutscher Evangelischer Kirchentag, Berlin, Germany, May 2017 (scheduled)

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

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 (scheduled)

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

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 *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 *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 740,000 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)

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 - 2017)

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

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

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

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

Discussant for Sarah Bush's book launch event, *The Taming of Democracy Assistance*, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, USA, October 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 American Political Science Association's 2014 Giovanni Sartori Best Book Award Committee (2014)

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 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

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)

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).

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

Serve as Expert Affidavit Writer for Pro-Bono Asylum cases

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