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FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

Forced Migration and Refugee Rights and Protection, Testimony and Justice (with a focus on sexual violence), Citizenship and Immigration, Global Constitutionalism

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, 2003.
J.D., Northwestern University School of Law, 1989 (Admitted to Pennsylvania Bar).
B.A. *Cum Laude* and honors, English, University of Pennsylvania, 1986.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Postdoctoral Recognition

Senior Fellowship, Research Unit 2 'Global Cultural Conflicts and Transcultural Cooperation,' Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research at the University of Duisburg-Essen, July-Dec. 2016.

Michigan Law School Grotius Research Scholar 2015-2016.

The OpEd Project Public Voices Thought Leadership Fellows 2013-2014.

Kaplan Humanities Scholars Program, Northwestern University, 2011-2012.

Pre-Doctoral Awards, Honors and Fellowships

Social Science Research Council**,** Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies Dissertation Fellowship 1999-2000.

University Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania 1992 and 1993

Political Science Department Fellowship Grant, University of Pennsylvania 1992, 1993 and 1995

EMPLOYMENT

Founding Director, Center for Forced Migration Studies, Buffett Institute for Global Studies
January 2011 to present
Senior Lecturer, Political Science, August 2011 to present
Director, International Studies, Northwestern University
August 2008-August 2015
Associate Director, International Studies, Northwestern University
Aug. 2006-Aug 2008
Lecturer, Political Science, Northwestern University
Aug. 2006-August 2011
Visiting Assistant Professor, DePaul University
2003-2006
Solo Practitioner, Immigration and Nationality Law, Evanston, IL
2001-2006,
Associate Attorney, Pepper, Hamilton & Scheetz, Washtington D.C
1989-1990

RESEARCH SUPPORT

"Does the Refugee Convention Regime Contribute to Refugee Protection? Understanding 'Success' in the Implementation of Refugee Status Determination Systems in Emerging Asylum Systems," Center for Global Cooperation Research at the University of Duisburg-Essen, $40,000 (June-December 2016)

Refugee Resettlement Research Program, Private Donor, $150,000 (2015-2017)
Projects to date include:

- "Long-Term Refugee Resettlement in the United States: An Analysis of the Impact of Resettlement and the Lived Experiences of Refugees in Eight Resettlement Communities" (Galya Ruffer, Jessica Darrow),
- "The U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program: A Global Model for Successful Humanitarian Response"

"Harnessing Community Goodwill in Refugee Resettlement," *Journal on Migration and Human Security*, $1,000

"Refugee Protection Outside of the International Legal Framework: Expanding Cross-National and Cross-Disciplinary Collaborations" (Galya Ruffer, Bruce Spencer) National Science Foundation, $30,000 (Feb. 2014-January 2015)

"Justice and the Culture of Massive Sexual Violence in the Congo (DRC): A Study of the Relationship between International Criminal Justice Strategies and the Lived Experience of Social Justice in the Process of Societal Transformation, Kellogg Center for Dispute Resolution Research Grant, $5,500 (June 2010 -February 2011).

"What's in a Name? Naming Restrictions, Social Cohesion and the Integration of Immigrants in the European Union," Northwestern University Research Grant, Northwestern, $3,600 (2007-2008).

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Adjudicating Refugee and Asylum Status: The Role of Witness, Expertise, and Testimony (co-edited with Benjamin Lawrance), Cambridge University Press (2015)

Journal Articles

"Harnessing Community Goodwill in Refugee Resettlement," *Journal on Migration and Human Security*, (Oct-Nov 2016)

"Testimony of Sexual Violence in the DR Congo and the Injustice of Rape: Moral Outrage, Epistemic Injustice and the Failures of Bearing Witness," *Oregon Review of International Law* (Spring 2014).

"Pushed Beyond Recognition? The *Liberality* of Family Reunification Policies in the EU," *Journal of Ethnic Migration Studies* (July 2011).

"The *Cosmopolitics* of Asylum Seekers in the European Union," *New Political Science*, 27:3 (September 2005).

"Courts Across Borders: The Implications of Judicial Agency for Human Rights and Democracy," (with David Jacobson), *Human Rights Quarterly*, 25:1 (February 2003).

Reprinted in: "Agency on a Global Scale: Rule, Rights and the European Union," (with David Jacobson), in Alison Brysk and Gershon Shafir, editors, *Citizenship and Human Rights in an Age of Globalization* (University of Rutgers Press, 2004).

"Agency on a Global Scale: Rule, Rights and the European Union," (with David Jacobson) in Marco Giugni and Florence Passy, editors, *Dialogues on Migration Policy* (Lexington: Lanham, MD, March 2006).

Contributions to Edited Volumes

"Informational components of refugee status determination," in Carleen Maitland, editor, *ICTs for Refugees and Displaced Persons* (MIT Press Information Policy, 2017).

"Is the U.S. Gaming Refugee Status for Central Americans? A Study of the Screening and Refugee Status Determination Process for Central American Women and Children Detained in Artesia, New Mexico," in Idil Atak and James Simeon, *Advancing Protection and Fostering Belonging in an Era of the Criminalization of Migration*, (McGill-Queens University Press, 2017)

"Research and Testimony in the 'Rape Capital of the World': Experts and Evidence in D.R.C. Asylum Claims," in Benjamin Lawrance and Galya Ruffer, editors, *Adjudicating Refugee and Asylum Status: The Role of Witness, Expertise, and Testimony* (Cambridge University Press, 2014).

"Legal Forms and Democratic Citizens in Republican Theory," in Andreas Niederberger and Philipp Schink, editors, *Republican Democracy: Liberty, Law and Politics* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2013)

Encyclopedia entry on "Citizenship," in Mark Juergensmeyer and Helmut K. Anheier, editors, *Encyclopedia of Global Studies* (Sage Publications, 2012)

"Transformationen der Bürgerschaftlichkeit," in Andreas Niederberger and Philipp Schink, editors, *Globalisierung: Ein interdisziplinäres Handbuch* (Metzler-Verlag, 2011)

Other Publications

"What Ushahidi can do to track displacement," *Forced Migration Review* 38 (Sept. 2011).

Review of Vicki Squire, *The Exclusionary Politics of Asylum*, in *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, Vol. 40, no. 1 (January 6, 2011).

Op-Ed, Radio and Documentary

"Back to the Dark Ages? The Imminent Danger of a Regional Domino Effect in Obama's Hardline Policy for Mothers Fleeing Central America," *Huffington Post Politics* (October 6, 2014)

"Attorneys say Americans have misunderstood the border crisis," *WBEZ's Worldview* (October 2, 2014).

The Prosecutors, documentary film featuring the lives of members of the global legal community working to end impunity for perpetrators of sexual violence in conflict, ArtWorks Projects (expert interview for use in 2014 trailer and will be in film)

"*The Prosecutors*," *World View*, National Public Radio Program, July 21, 2014.

"Society Needs to Get Honest About Everyday Rape," *Women in the World* (March 13, 2014)

"Chinese seeking asylum in US often are betrayed by customs practices," *Global Post* (March 20, 2014)

"Echoes of Palestinian partition in Syrian refugee crisis," *Al Jazeera*, Dec. 29, 2013,

"Documentary initiative advocates for victims of sexual violence," *WBEZ's Worldview*, National Public Radio Program, May 23, 2012.

Manuscripts in Progress

Prosecution, Persecution, Protection: Sexual Violence & International Justice (book proposal ready for submission in August 2015). This book project examines the why and how we *do* justice for sexual violence as an international and global community. The book offers a critical examination of international efforts to address sexual violence and draws upon historic understandings and contemporary responses to sexual violence, with a particular emphasis on the Great Lakes Region of Africa and gang violence in Central America, to argue that the "will" to address sexual violence is tied to foreign policy and state interests. Justice, as it has been inscribed through the paradigms of persecution, prosecution and protection, serves to reinforce the objectives of foreign and state policy interests at the expense of justice for the women it purports to serve. Through this examination justice emerges as a negotiated process in international criminal prosecutions, asylum claims and in humanitarian response efforts, offering insight into the contestation over protection and status that takes place through the medium of law.

PROFESSIONAL TALKS – LAST FIVE YEARS

"Responding to Syrian Refugees: A Comparative Analysis of Tradition Resettlement Countries," Roundtable, International Association for the Study of Forced Migration, Pozen, Poland, July 2016.

"Harnessing Community Goodwill in Refugee Resettlement," Center for Migration Studies Symposium, Rethinking the Global Refugee Protection System, New York, July 5-7, 2016.

"Is the U.S. Gaming Refugee Status for Central Americans? A Study of the Screening and Refugee Status Determination Process for Central American Women and Children Detained in Artesia, New Mexico," Law and Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, June 2-5, 2016.

"The Demise of the 1951 Refugee Protection Regime and the End of the Rights of Man," Why People Migrate: Multiple Causes, Complex Reasons and Their Normative Assessment. International Conference, Bochum/Essen, February 18-20, 2016.

"The Rights of Refugees: the Role of Expertise in the Refugee Status Determination Process," Center for Immigration/Refugee Law and Politics (CEDPIR) Summer Institute, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, December 2015.

"Prosecution, Persecution, Protection: Doing Justice for Sexual Violence," Refugee Research Network Finale, Toronto, June 2015.

“Deterrent Strategies for So-Called Mass Migration: The Illogic of No-Bond Policies," 8th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, Toronto, May 13-15, 2015.

“Gaming Refugee Status for Central Americans? Decision Rules, Application and the Refugee Status Determination Process of U.S. Hearing Officers,” May 7, 2015 as part of the 2014-2015 Joint Speaker Series: Seeking Asylum in North America sponsored by the International Legal Studies Program at California Western School of Law and the Institute for International Comparative and Area Studies at UC San Diego.

Expert Roundtable, "Family Immigration: Visa Channels and management Challenges,” hosted by the Institute for the Study of International Migration, Georgetown University, Feb. 27, 2015.

Expert roundtable, “Refugee, Asylum and Other Humanitarian Policies: Challenges to Reform," Institute for the Study of International Migration, Georgetown University, October 29, 2014.

“Sanctuary Without Refugee Camps: Understanding Protection Needs & Alternative Solutions” (two panels), organizer and presenter, International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM15), July 14-17, 2014, Bogota, Colombia.

“Refugees and Humanitarianism” (Roundtable), Law and Society Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, May 29-June 1, 2014.

“Research Cluster on Detention and Asylum Roundtable” and “Web-Based Platforms for the Production and Mobilization of Knowledge in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies: The CARFMS Online Research and Teaching Tool and *Practitioners Forum* (ORTT&PF) and Beyond” Canadian Association for Refugees and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS14), University of Montreal, May 7-9, 2014.

Academic expert participant, United Nations High Commissioner’s Sixth Dialogue on Protection Challenges, “Protecting the Internally Displaced: Persisting Challenges and Fresh Thinking,” *Palais des Nations (United Nations)*, Geneva, Switzerland, December 11-12, 2013.

“Rights-Based Refugee Protection: Historical Understandings of Root Causes and the Need to Ask Vulnerable to What?” (discussant remarks) *Forced Migration and Humanitarianism in Global History*, University of Chicago, Nov. 15-16, 2013.

"Refugee Protection In and Out of Camps: a Gender Perspective from the Great Lakes Region,” *Contexts of Human Rights*, Human Rights Institute 10th Anniversary Conference, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, Sept. 19-21, 2013.

"Mobilizing Knowledge Globally: Perspectives of the Refugee Research Network" (Roundtable), International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM14), January 6-9, 2013, Kolkata.

"Ushahidi and the Ethics of New Technologies in the Documentation of Refugee Rights and Protection," *Methodologies and the Production of Knowledge in Forced Migration Context* (panel organizer), International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM14), January 6-9, 2013, Kolkata.

War and Memory: Bearing Witness to loss in Everyday Life, University of Oregon School of Law, Eugene, OR, Oct. 19-20, 2012.

"Victim Testimonies of Gender and Sexual Based Violence in International Criminal Courts: Moral Outrage, Epistemic Injustice and the Failures of Bearing Witness," Human Rights Institute, Univ. of Conn, October 1, 2012.

"Between Testimony and Bearing Witness: Sexual Violence and Justice in the DR Congo," *Refugees, Asylum Law, and Expert Testimony: The Construction of Africa & the Global South in Comparative Perspective*, 2012 Conable Conference in International Studies, Rochester Institute of Technology, April 12-14, 2012.

York University European Union Center of Excellence Visiting Scholar, March 12-16, 2012.

"Doing Justice in the Congo: A Study of Local Practices and Responses to International Rule of Law Strategies to Combat Sexual Violence, IASFM13, July 3-6, 2011, Kampala.

"Sexual Violence, Legal Aid and Justice in the DR Congo," panel on Comparative Perspectives on Access to Legal Aid Services for Refugees, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, June 2-5, 2011.

"Legal Formations and Democratic Citizens in Republican Theory*," Republicanism, Rule of Law and Democracy*, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University, Frankfurt, March 18-20, 2009.

"The Administration of Names and Narratives of Civic Identity in the Integration of Immigrants in Germany," paper presentation, German Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C, October, 2009, Washington, D.C. panel on Being and Becoming a Minority in Germany (Roundtable Sponsored by Berlin Program in Advanced German and European Studies)

DIRECTED CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA, WORKSHOPS AND INSTITUTES

"Expert Roundtable: US Admissions and Receptions Policies as Public/Private Partnership and Federal/State Relations Implications for Local Contexts," Washington, D.C. March 14, 2016

"The United States Refugee Resettlement Program: A Global Model for Successful Humanitarian Response," Northwestern, December 4, 2015.

"Why People Migrate: Multiple Causes, Complex Reasons and their Normative Assessment, Expert Collaborator," Bochum, Essen, February 18-20, 2016

"From Temporary Protection to Permanent Settlement: Challenges to the Integration of Syrian Refugees in Turkey," (with Basak Yavcan), Northwestern, November 9, 2015.

"Conflict Zones and Zones of Conflict: War, Peace and the Continuum of Sexual Violence in Eastern Africa," Northwestern, June 12, 2015

"Refugee Protection Outside of the International Legal Framework: Expanding Cross-National and Cross-Disciplinary Collaborations," Northwestern, May 27-28, 2014

"How do we know what we know? Methods of Documenting Forced Migration in Global Crisis," Northwestern, June 1, 2012.

CFMS Summer Institute (Fee based, CLE Credited Certificate Program)
"Refugee Protection and the Rights of (Re)Settlement, Aug. 7-13, 2016
"The Refugee Status Determination Process," June 2-8, 2013, June 1-7, 2014
"Unsettling Refugee Resettlement," July 10-17, 2011 and July 8-14, 2012

Geneva Internship Program: course credit/practicum where students learn about International Refugee Advocacy, serve as official Rapporteurs and represent the CFMS at the UNHCR Annual Consultations in Geneva, Switzerland, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

*The Importance of Bearing Witness: Testimony, Justice and the Global Fight to End Sexual Violence***,** featuring Therese Kulungu (Lawyer, Panzi Hospital, DR Congo), Anne Ream (Voices and Faces Project), Leslie Thomas (ArtWorks Project) and a performance of Galya Ruffer's collected testimonies of Congolese Women by NU Performance Studies, May 24, 2012 (additional funding from the Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, the Nicholas D. Chabraja Center for Historical Studies, International Studies Program and Oral History and Performance as Social Action)

The Arc of Refugee Work, featuring Howard Adelman (Founder of York University Center for Refugee Studies), Barbara Harrell-Bond (Founder of the Refugee Studies Center at Oxford University and Director Fahamu Refugee Programme), Steve Weine (Professor of Psychiatry, University of Illinois Chicago) and Marie Provine (Professor in Justice & Social Inquiry, School of Social Transformation, Arizona State University), Jan. 21, 2011.

Human Rights in Transit: Issues of Forced Migration, Northwestern University Conference on Human Rights, January 20-22, 2011

TEACHING

Refugee Crises and Human Rights
Critical Perspectives on Human Rights
The International Politics of Human Rights
Testimony and Justice: Dilemmas in the Good Society (with Jennifer Lackey and Benjamin Frommer)
The Idea of Citizenship in Political Thought
Humanitarian Responses to Disaster
Immigration and the Politics of Exclusion
Constitutional Law I & II
Global Constitutionalism
UNHCR Annual Consultations Internship Program on Refugee Rights and Advocacy

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

Program of African Studies, Faculty Affiliate
Faculty Advisor, Fight for Freedom (F3) Student Group
Chair, African Studies Association 2014 (Refugees and Returnees) and 2016 (Migrations and Mobilities) Annual Convention.
Executive Committee, Program Affairs and Innovation, International Association for the Study of Forced Migration
Executive Committee, Refugee Research Network funded by the Canadian SSHRC Knowledge Cluster program.
Executive Committee, Southern Refugee Legal Aid Network
Board Member, Forced Migration Upward Mobility Project
Vice-Chair, American Bar Association, International Law Committee for Refugee Law
National Asylum & Refugee Committee, American Immigration Lawyer's Association
Pro-Bono Expert Witness, asylum cases based on persecution in D.R.Congo.
Pro-Bono Attorney, American Immigration Lawyers Association Artesia Pro-Bono Project
Board/Advisory Council Member, International Refugee Rights Initiative
Professional Memberships, International Detention Coalition, Southern Refugee Legal Aid Network, American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA); International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM); African Studies Association (ASA); American Political Science Association (APSA); Law and Society Association
Fellow, Public Affairs Residential College, Northwestern

CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAINING

Doctoral Committee for Kimberly Siebel, Anthropology, "Managing Self-Sufficiency by Becoming Old: Resettlement as Qualifying for Mainstream Aging and Welfare Services in Illinois."

Doctoral Committee for Ashley Cureton Turner, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago.

Catherine Tyson, "Disconnect between lived experience and policy: Cultural integration of Bhutanese and Iraqi refugees during resettlement in Chicago," International Studies Honors Thesis, Northwestern University. Awarded 2014 Frank Safford Prize for Best Undergraduate Thesis.

Rebecca Liron, "A Collision Between Israeli State and International Interests: Refugees in Tel Aviv," International Studies Honors Thesis, Northwestern University 2014. Awarded Fellow, Princeton in Africa (Kenya).

Chelsea Glenn, "Redefining the Rational Actor in Self-Reliance Programs: Economic Opportunities in Sherkole Refugee Camp, Ethiopia," International Studies Honors Thesis, Northwestern University. Awarded 2013 Frank Safford Prize for Best Undergraduate Thesis. (Fulbright and Marshall awarded)

Molly Barstow, "Unsustainable and insufficient: A preliminary analysis of sub-Saharan refugees' livelihoods in Rabat, Morocco," Awarded Honors in Anthropology 2013. (Fulbright Awarded)

Sarah Freeman, "Transitional Aid: An Analysis of the Changing Network of Assistance for Internally Displaced Persons in Northern Uganda," International Studies Honors Thesis, Northwestern University. Awarded 2012 Frank Safford Prize for Best Undergraduate Thesis, published in the Oxford Monitor 2014.

Julile Kornfeld, "The Effects of Overseas Cultural Orientation Programs on Refugees' Perceptions of their Role in American Society," Awarded Honors in the School for Education and Social Policy, 2011 (Published in Forced Migration Review)

Kristin Coveney, "Marginalized in the Creation of a Nation: How Non-citizens with Disabilities have been Ignored in America's Immigration Detention System," American Studies Honors, June 2011

Laura Ashbaugh, "Stranded in Jordan: A Study of Jordan's Iraqi Refugee Policy," International Studies Honors Thesis, Northwestern University. Awarded 2010 Frank Safford Prize for Best Undergraduate Thesis. (Fulbright awarded)

Priya Fielding, "Multicultural Policies in Practice: Exploring a British Academy's Religious Education," School for Education and Social Policy Honors, Chicago Undergraduate Research Symposium Winner: Top Social Sciences Presentation, 2008. (DAAD)

OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO RESEARCH

Languages: Fluent in Hebrew, Proficient in French and German