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## **EDUCATION**

- 2013 Ph.D. International Relations, American University  
“In the Shadow of Prison: Power, Identity, and Transitional Justice in Post-Genocide Rwanda.”
- 2006 M.A. Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University
- 2004 B.A. International Studies, Brigham Young University
- 2004 B.A. French, Brigham Young University

## **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

- 2017-2018 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver
- 2016+ Co-Director of Studies, Great Lakes Region Course Field Course 2016, Rift Valley Institute
- 2016+ Research Team Leader, Strengthening the Leadership and Influence of Women in Politics in Kenya, Rift Valley Institute
- 2014-2016 Institute for Security Studies, Conflict Prevention and Risk Analysis (Research), Nairobi, Kenya
- 2013-2015 American University, School of International Service/Study Abroad (Lecturer), Nairobi, Kenya

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

“(Oral) History of Violence: Political Analysis of Conflicting Narratives,” *Oral History Forum*, 33 (2013), Special Issue: Confronting Mass Atrocities.

### **Refereed Book Chapters**

“Burundi: Between War and Negative Peace” In *War and Peace in the Great Lakes Region*, edited by Gilbert Khadiagala. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017.

“Nacibazo, No Problem: Journeying Beneath the Official Discourse of Post-Genocide Rwanda.” In *Emotional and Ethical Challenges for Field Research in Africa: The Story Behind the Findings*, edited by Susan Thomson, An Ansoms and Jude Murison. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.

### **Manuscripts in Submission**

“Opportunities and Challenges for a Developmental Mining Sector in Rwanda” *Resources Policy*. With Fitsum Weldegiorgis and Kathryn Sturman [Article under Review]

### **Manuscript in Preparation**

*In the Shadow of Prison: Journey through Transitional Justice in Post-Genocide Rwanda* (book)

“Varieties of Authoritarian Control in Rwanda and Burundi” (article)  
“Problematizing the Investigator’s Identity in Conflict Field Research: Studying Violence in Africa as a Black Woman:” (article)  
“Negotiating “The Enemy” in Post-Genocide Rwanda: Dilemmas in Research Among Génocidaires, Political Opponents, and Other Undesirables” (article)

### **Working Paper**

“Researching Violence in Africa as a Black Woman: Notes from Rwanda” Working Paper Series, Conflict in Difficult Settings Website, May 2015.

### **Policy Reports**

“Strengthening the leadership and influence of women in politics in Kenya” with Marie Berry, Muthoni Kamuru, and Margaret Monyani. DFID/EARF Report [Forthcoming]  
“Gender Mainstreaming in the Military in Africa: Kenya Case Study” with Romi Sigsworth *East Africa Report*, Issue 7. Institute for Security Studies.  
“Analysing Post-Transition Violence in Burundi” *Central Africa Report*, Issue 6 (2016). Institute for Security Studies.  
“The Battle for Burundi: Is There a Viable Solution” *Central Africa Report*, Issue 7 (2016). Institute for Security Studies.  
“The Crisis in Burundi and the Apathy of International Politics” (2016) with Nanjala Nyabola. Heinrich Böll Foundation E-Paper.  
“Gender and Security Sector Reform in Africa” A submission by the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) for the 2015 High Level Review of the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda (2015) with Romi Sigsworth.  
“Status and Dynamics of Political Situation in Burundi” *Central Africa Report*, Issue 1 (2014). Institute for Security Studies.

### **Web-Based Publications**

“Missing the Target: The African Union’s Mediating Efforts in Burundi.” Africa Policy Brief, No 16, Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations, June 2016.  
“Ending the Crisis in Burundi: What to Remember and Keep in Mind.” Heinrich Böll Stiftung, March 2016.  
“The True Price of Nkurunziza’s Third Term” ISS Today, August 2015.  
“Burundi, Free and Fair Elections?” Wilson Center Africa Up Close, June 5, 2015.  
“How to Bring Burundi Back from the Brink of Violence” CNN International, May 15 2015.  
“Burundi Goes from Peacebuilding Success to Growing Mess” Africa is a Country, May 5, 2015.  
“Don’t Turn Your Back on Peace, Burundi” ISS Today, April 2015.  
“A House Divided in Burundi: Rifts at the Heart of the Ruling Party” ISS Today, April 2015.  
“Situation Analysis: DRC” *Peace and Security Council Report*, Issue 65 (2015). Institute for Security Studies.  
“Burundi: Ringing in the New Year amid Gunfire and Intrigue” ISS Today, January 2015.  
“Rwanda: Twenty Years Later” ISS Today, April 9, 2014.  
“Country Analysis: Burundi” *Peace and Security Council Report*, Issue 57 (2014). Institute for Security Studies.  
“Interview with African novelist Boubacar Boris Diop,” *Lingua Romana*, 2 (2003).

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

- 2014 Nominated for the APCG-Lynne Rienner Best Dissertation Award by the School of International Service, American University
- 2002-2004 Pearson Leadership Scholarship, Brigham Young University
- 2003 La Bonne Semence Scholarship/ Travel Grant for Senegal, Brigham Young University

## **GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2016 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant - Namibia
- 2016 Foreign Policy Interrupted Fellowship
- 2010-2011 AAUW Dissertation Fellowship, American Association of University Women
- 2009-2010 School of International Service Dissertation Fellowship, American University
- 2006/2009 School of International Service PhD Conference Travel Grant, American University
- 2006-2009 School of International Service Dean's Fellowship, American University
- 2006/2008 American University Graduate Leadership Council Travel Grant, American University

## **INVITED TALKS**

- 2017 "Gacaca: International Norms and Local Justice in Rwanda" Adaptive Norms for Peacebuilding and Urban Violence in South Africa, Center for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation, Pretoria, March
- 2016 "Burundi: Security and Governance in the Great Lakes Region" War and Peace in the Great Lakes Region, Center for Conflict Resolution, Cape Town, March
- 2016 "Security Challenges in Burundi" Contemporary Security Challenges Seminar, Combined Joint Task-Force – Horn of Africa, Camp Lemonnier – Djibouti, March
- 2016 "Security Challenges in Kenya" Contemporary Security Challenges Seminar, Combined Joint Task-Force – Horn of Africa, Camp Lemonnier – Djibouti, March
- 2015 "Regional Dynamics of the Burundi Crisis," Contemporary Burundian Studies Symposium, Ghent University, Ghent, October
- 2015 "The Way Forward for Burundi" Pulling Back from the Brink: Options for National Dialogue in Burundi, Maendeleo Policy Dialogues, UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa, Addis Ababa, October.
- 2015 "Domestic and Regional Context of the Burundi Crisis" #Burundi 2015: The Crisis is Now, British East Africa Institute and Kwani?, Nairobi, August
- 2015 "Understanding Gender Dimension of Radicalization: An African Perspective" UNDP – Framing The Development Solutions to Radicalization in Africa, Nairobi, July.
- 2015 "Burundi's Electoral Crisis" ISS Seminar – Conflict Hotspots in Africa, Johannesburg, June
- 2015 "Women's Opportunities and Challenges in the Kenya Defense Forces" ISS Seminar, Gender and Security Johannesburg, June

- 2015 “Gender Mainstreaming in the Kenya Defense Forces,” International Conference on Gender and the Security Sector in Africa, Pretoria, South Africa, June.
- 2015 “The Regional Dynamics of Burundi’s Electoral Crisis” ISS Seminar – What to do about the Burundi Crisis, Nairobi, March
- 2015 “Burundi 2015 Elections: The Role and Opportunities for Regional Organizations,” Egmont Institute, Brussels, March.
- 2014 “Rwanda under the RPF: Assessing Twenty Years of Post-Conflict Governance” Launch of Journal of East African Studies Special Issue, British Institute in East Africa, Nairobi, May.
- 2014 “Conflict Trends in Africa” Panel Discussion, Crisis Action – Nairobi, March.
- 2011 “They Too Have Killed Our Own: Justice and Politics of Victimhood in Post-Genocide Rwanda.” Great Lakes Policy Forum – Search for Common Ground, Washington, D.C., November.
- 2011 “Justice through Their Eyes: The Legal Journey of Released Prisoners of the Genocide.” Kennedy Center for International Studies, Brigham Young University, February.
- 2011 “The Rwandan Genocide and its Aftermath: The Experience of Released Prisoners of the Genocide.” Liberty University Symposium on Genocide, February.
- 2010 “War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity, and Genocide in Rwanda” International Human Rights, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.
- 2008 “All of Us in Rwanda: Transitional Justice and the Difficulties in Exposing Vantage Points” International Research Conference on the Tutsi Genocide and Reconstruction of Knowledge, Kigali, Rwanda, July.

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

### **Workshops**

- 2017 Innovations in Peacebuilding: Experiences from Southern Africa Workshop, Center for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation, 28-30 March
- 2016 Expert Meeting on Politics in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Settings, Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy, 9 September
- 2016 SSRC-IDGPA-APN Proposal Writing Workshop for Central Africa, 9-12 November [Trainer]
- 2014 "Approaching Perpetrators: Ethnographic Insights on Ethics, Methods and Theory." Liu Institute for Global Issues, May 14-16. [Invited Expert]

### **Panel Organized**

- 2016 Organizing Committee - Feminist Security Studies Panels, International Studies Association.
- 2014 “Rwanda and Burundi at the Crossroads: Prospects and Liabilities” African Studies Association, November 20-23.

### **Papers Presented**

- 2017 “Limitations of Rights-Based Approaches to Women's Political Empowerment: Narratives from Kenya, Burundi and Rwanda” African Studies Association, Chicago, IL, November.

- 2016 “Researching Violence in Africa as a Black Woman: Notes from Rwanda” African Studies Association, Washington, DC, December.
- 2016 “Gendering and Re-membering War: Female Combatants of Namibia’s Liberation” African Studies Association, Washington, DC, December.
- 2015 “Negotiating “The Enemy” in Post-Genocide Rwanda: Dilemmas in Research Among Génocidaires, Political Opponents, and Other Undesirables” European Conference on African Studies, Paris, France, July.
- 2015 “Between a Gun and a Baby: Female Freedom Fighters in Namibia’s Liberation” International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, February.
- 2014 “Post- Conflict Reconstruction in Rwanda and Burundi: Varieties of Authoritarian Control” African Studies Association, Indianapolis, IN, November.
- 2011 “They Too Have Killed Our Own: Justice and Politics of Victimhood in Post-Genocide Rwanda.” African Studies Association Washington, D.C., November.
- 2011 Global Norms and International Law, Domestic Power and Oppression: The Case of Power Relations in Transitional Justice in Post-Conflict Rwanda. International Studies Association. Montréal, Quebec, March.
- 2009 “The Forgotten Ones: Transitional Justice and Power Relations in Rwanda” Annual Conference of the European Group for the Study of Deviance and Social Control, Preston, England, August.
- 2009 Identities Imposed, Identities Denied: Who is the Ex-Prisoner of the Rwandan Genocide. Presented at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, November.
- 2008 Is Social Capital the Key to Peacebuilding? Paper presented at the annual meeting of the ISA’s 49th Annual Convention, Bridging Multiple Divides, Hilton San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, March.
- 2006 The African Standby Force: Obstacles to its Establishment and Efficiency – A Study of HIV/AIDS Impacts, presented at ISA Northeast, Boston, MA, November.
- 2005 Montreal Nationalism: A Default Multidimensional Identity, presented at the British Society for Population Studies, Canadian Ethnic Studies Association Annual Conference, Ottawa, Ontario, October.

## **FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE**

Namibia (2016, 2017), Belgium (2014, 2015), Burundi (2014, 2015) Rwanda (2008, 2015), Kenya (2014, 2015, 2016) France (2014) Tanzania (2008)

## **RESEARCH**

### **Policy and Collaborative Projects**

- Ongoing Burundi Political Landscape Analysis. (Research Manager under the Netherland Institute for Multiparty Democracy; Funded by the United States State Department)
- Ongoing Innovations in Peacebuilding: International Norms and Local Dynamics in Conflict-Affected Countries (Led Timothy S. Sisk and Astri Suhrke by Funded by Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs) - Rwanda Case Study

- 2015-16 Domestic and Regional Mapping of Burundi 2015 Electoral Crisis (ISS Project Commissioned by Humanity United)
- 2015-16 Evidence Synthesis on the Impact of Extractives on Political Settlements and Conflict in East Africa (Led by Kathryn Sturman of Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining, with Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis, funded by UK DFID EARH) – Rwanda Case Study
- 2015 Mapping UNSC 1325 Implementation in East and Southern Africa (Funded by UN Women East and Southern Africa)
- 2015 Gender Mainstreaming in the Kenyan Defence Forces (ISS Project Commissioned by the Australian High Commission in South Africa)
- 2014-15 Mapping of the Rwandan Opposition in Exile (ISS Project)

### **Other Research Experience**

- 2007-2009 Research Assistant, Rule of Law Program United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC
- 2006-2009 Research Assistant, Prof. Charles Call, American University, Washington, DC
- 2008-2009 Research Assistant, Rule of Law Program International Network to Promote the Rule of Law, Washington, DC
- 2007 Junior Research Associate, Public International Law & Policy Group, Washington, DC
- 2005 Research Intern, Africa Program Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2016 Research Methodology, Department of Geography, History, and Environmental Studies, University of Namibia
- 2016 Rwanda Special Induction Course for UNICEF, Rift Valley Institute (Course Director and Short-Term Instructor)
- 2015 Burundi Special Induction Course for UNICEF, Rift Valley Institute (Short-Term Instructor)
- 2013-2015 Institutional Strengthening, Kenya Study Abroad, American University (undergraduate lecture course)
- 2011 Civilizations of Africa, School of International Service, American University (undergraduate lecture course)
- 2011 Contemporary Africa, School of International Service, American University (undergraduate lecture course)
- 2009 International Diplomacy, School of International Service/NSLC, American University (introductory undergraduate course)
- 2004-2006 French, Modern Languages Department, Seton Hall University (undergraduate lecture course)
- 2002-2004 French, French and Italian Department, Brigham Young University (First and second year undergraduate lecture course)

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

### **Guest Lectures**

- 2012 "The Rwandan Civil War and Genocide" History of Kenya, Kenya Study Abroad, American University.
- 2008-2011 "Conducting Fieldwork in Post-Conflict Environments," Qualitative Research in International Relations and Qualitative Research Methods in Peace and Conflict Resolution, School of International Service, American University.
- 2008 "Disaggregating Violence in Rwanda," Theories of Conflict, Violence and War, School of International Service, American University.

### **Faculty Advisor – Student Organization**

- 2011-2012 Empower Congo

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

### **Dissertation Committee Member**

**Alice Jandrain, Université Catholique de Louvain, Social and Political Science**

### **Journal Manuscript Review**

- 2016 Politikon
- 2015 African Security Review
- 2014 International Journal

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

### **Asylum Casework**

- 2015 Burundi Country Expert, Ottawa Community Legal Services

### **Expert Advise**

- 2014-2017 Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS AND LANGUAGES**

Technical SPSS, NVIVO

Languages English and French - native languages; Spanish – Beginner/Intermediate

## **MEDIA**

Al Jazeera English, CCTV Africa, CCTV America, BBC, Los Angeles Times, Deutsche Welle, Financial Times, TVC News, The Independent, Bloomberg, CNBC Africa, Ubuntu Radio, eNews, France 24, Kosmos Radio, Wall Street Journal, The EastAfrican, Christian Science Monitor, The Guardian, DiePresse, De Standaard, Channel Africa, SABC Intl Public Radio, Radio Canada, TRT World, RFI, NPR

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS**

**African Studies Association**  
**International Studies Association**  
**American Political Science Association**  
**Women in International Security**