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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Center for International Studies, Sciences Po *Starting September 2022*

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellow

Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University *2021-2022*

Stanton Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Fellow

Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School *2020-2021*

Predocctoral Fellow, International Security Program

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science *August 2021*

Brown University

Providence, USA

Title: Imagining the Unimaginable: War, Weapons, and Procurement Politics

Committee: Nina Tannenwald, Mark Blyth, Jeff Colgan, Jordan Branch, and Jonathan Caverley

Comprehensive Exams: International Relations and Comparative Politics (September 2017)

Master of Arts in Political Science *2015-2017*

Brown University

Providence, USA

Master of Science in Politics of Conflict, Rights and Justice (Distinction) *2013-2014*

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

London, UK

Master Thesis: General Elections in Kenya: Breaking with the History of Violence?

Master of Laws in Law (Magna Cum Laude) *2011-2013*

Ghent University

Ghent, Belgium

Erasmus Exchange, Lund University (January-June 2013)

Master Thesis: The Development of Unmanned Weapons and Challenges for International Law

Bachelor of Laws in Law *2008-2011*

Ghent University

Ghent, Belgium

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Development of Military Technology, Shifts in Strategy and Tactics, and the Role of Ideas and Norms
- Global Trends in Armament and Disarmament
- Export of Conventional Weapons and Small Arms
- The Politics of Deterrence
- Intersection of the Study of Nuclear Weapons and Conventional Capabilities

RESEARCH

Book Manuscript

- Imagining the Unimaginable: War, Weapons, and Procurement Politics. (working title)

Work in Progress

- Up in Arms: The Influence of Political Parties on Compliance with the Responsible Arms Transfer Norm. (Revise and Resubmit with *Journal of Global Security Studies*)
- Writing IR after COVID-19: Reassessing Political Possibilities, Good Faith and Policy Relevance. With Benoît Pelopidas. (working paper)
- The Eternal Promise of Missile Defense. (working paper)
- The Role of Future Thinking in International Relations. (in preparation)
- Missile Defense and the Future of Arms Control. (in preparation)
- What's in a Name? The Many Faces of Nuclear Deterrence. With Daniel Post. (in preparation)
- Deterrence and Elite Perceptions of Dual-Use Weapons. With Lauren Sukin (in preparation)
- Challenging the Nuclear Stand-Off. (in preparation for *Routledge Handbook of the Future of Warfare*)

Related Publications

- "China's Hypersonic Weapons Tests Don't Have to Be a Sputnik Moment." 29 October 2021. In *War on the Rocks*. (link)
- "War Isn't (Quite) the Right Metaphor for COVID-19." 20 May 2019. In *Political Violence at a Glance*. With Sara Plana. (link)
- "Belgians know little about Nuclear Weapons (but do oppose them)." 7 August 2018. In *De Standaard*. (link)
- "Time to Really Ban to Bomb." 14 May 2015. In *Mo**. (link)

Conferences

- American Political Science Association, Montreal (scheduled for September 2022) - Presenter
- International Studies Association, Nashville (scheduled for March 2022) - Presenter and Discussant
- Stanton Nuclear Security Conference, Virtual (October 2021) - Presenter
- American Political Science Association, Virtual (September 2021) - Presenter
- International Studies Association, Virtual (April 2021) - Presenter and Discussant
- American Political Science Association, Virtual (September 2020) - Presenter
- Future Strategy Forum, Virtual (June 2020) - Participant
- New England Political Science Association, Mystic (cancelled due to COVID-19) - Presenter
- International Studies Association, Honolulu (cancelled due to COVID-19) - Presenter
- International Security Studies Section of ISA, Denver (October 2019) - Presenter and Discussant
- Breaking the Mold 2.0 Workshop at U.S. Naval War College, Newport (October 2018) - Participant
- International Studies Association North East, Providence (November 2017) - Presenter
- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago (April 2017) - Presenter and Discussant

Invited Talks

- Workshop on Emerging Technology, American University (scheduled for April 2022)
- Center for Global Security Research, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (scheduled for April 2022)
- Research Seminar, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University (scheduled for March 2022)
- Los Alamos National Laboratory, CISAC Research Visit (March 2022)

- Social Science Reading Group, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University (February 2022)
- Nuclear Reading Group, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University (February 2022)
- War Studies Conference, Modern War Institute, West Point (November 2021)
- Interdisciplinary Workshop on Environmental Research (AIRE), Sciences Po (June 2021)
- Future Strategy Forum, Center for Strategic and International Studies and Kissinger Center, Johns Hopkins University SAIS (May 2021)
- Arms Control Workshop, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy (November 2020)
- ISP Seminar, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (October 2020)
- Political Economy Workshop, Joint Forum with Boston University (October 2020)
- Center for Contemporary South Asia, Brown University (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Workshop of Nuclear Knowledges, Center for International Studies, Sciences Po (June 2019)
- Foundation Biermans-Lapôtre, Paris (May 2019)
- Political Economy of National Security Workshop, Boston University (December 2017)

Research Assistance

- Professor Linda Cook (Winter 2016-2017)
- Professor Mark Blyth (Winter 2015-2016)
- Professor Leslie Vinjamuri (Spring and Summer 2014)

Additional Training & Workshops

- Notre Dame Emerging Scholars Conference (scheduled for Spring 2023)
- International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap (scheduled for June 2022)
- New Era Workshop, Bridging the Gap (October 2021)
- IR Theory Colloquium, Cornell University-Yale University-University of Notre Dame (September 2020-June 2021)
- Summer Seminar in History and Statecraft, Clements Center for National Security, University of Texas at Austin (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Security (SWAMOS), Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University (July 2018)
- The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Center for Qualitative and Multi-Method Inquiry, Syracuse University (June 2018)
- Prospectus Development Workshop, Tobin Project (June 2017)
- International Summer School on Chinese Politics, Renmin University of China (July 2012)

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

External

- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship - European Commission (2021)
- Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant - National Science Foundation, Science, Technology and Society Program, Award Number 1849585 (2019)
- Harold D. Lasswell Award - Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy (2019)
- Prospectus Development Workshop - The Tobin Project (2017)
- Cabeaux-Jacobs Fellowship - Belgian American Education Foundation (2015)
- Scholarship for Internship at United Nations - Flanders Trainee Programme (2014)
- Young Woman in Public Affairs Award - Zonta Belgium (2008)

Internal

- Dissertation Fellowship - Department of Political Science (2020-2021)
- Conference Travel Grant - Graduate School (2020, 2019, 2017)
- Research Fellowship - Center for Contemporary South Asia (2019)
- Global Mobility Research Fellowship Award - Graduate School (2019)
- Doctoral Research Travel Fund - Graduate School (2019)
- International Travel Fund Award - Graduate School (2019, 2016)
- Joukowsky Summer Research Award - Graduate School (2019, 2018, 2016)
- Internal Dissertation Fellowship - Department of Political Science (2018-2019)
- P. Terrence Hopmann Award for Excellence in Teaching - Department of Political Science (2018)
- Research Funding - Social Science Research Institute (2018)
- Methods Training Award - Department of Political Science (2018)
- Travel Funding - Graduate Student Council (2018)
- Teaching Consultant Award - Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning (2018)
- Workshop Mentor Award - Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning (2017)
- Five-Year Funding Guarantee - Graduate School (2015-2020)

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

- The International Law and Politics of Human Rights, Professor Nina Tannenwald (Spring 2018) - Head Teaching Assistant
- Introduction to International Relations, Professor Jordan Branch (Fall 2017) - Head Teaching Assistant
- Ethnic Politics and Conflict, Professor Linda Cook (Spring 2017)
- The International Law and Politics of Human Rights, Professor Nina Tannenwald (Fall 2016)

Guest Lectures

- The Politics of Weapons Development & Qualitative Research Methods, Georgia Institute of Technology (October 2021)
- The Responsibility to Protect, Brown University (November 2019)
- The Plight of the Rohingya, Brown University (April 2017)

Mentoring

- Second Reader, Senior Honors Thesis of Anna Victoria Sasaki (Spring 2016)

Teaching Training

- Teaching Consultant Program - Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning (2017-2018)
- Course Design Seminar - Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning (2017)
- Seminar on Reflective Teaching - Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning (2016)

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

Guest Researcher

*May-June 2016
Stockholm, Sweden*

- Research for working paper on arms exports
- Analysis of arms export legislation and practice in Germany, Sweden, and the United Kingdom

Flemish Peace Institute

Research Intern

*April-June 2015**Brussels, Belgium*

- Analysis of the implementation of the ICT Directive in France and the United Kingdom
- Research for projects on Transfer without Transshipment and the Discovery of Dual-Use in 1925 Geneva Protocol

United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs

Political Affairs Intern

*July-December 2014**New York, USA*

- Wrote daily summaries of the disarmament news for the High Representative and created Disarmament Digest and drafted a speech for the High Representative
- Conducted research for a report on unmanned aerial vehicles and contributed to the UN Disarmament Yearbook and other UNODA publications, including a guide on armed violence
- Conducted a trend analysis of UNODA's donor relations for the High Representative

Centre for the International Politics of Conflict, Rights and Justice

Research Intern

*January-August 2014**London, UK*

- Provided research assistance to Dr. Leslie Vinjamuri and Dr. Stephen Hopgood on the ICC in Sudan, Syria, and Libya, the relationship between the ICC and the UNSC, and the criminal justice architecture in Africa
- Used social media tools strategically to build the Centre's online presence and organized the Centre's events

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & SKILLS

Professional Service

- Co-organizer of the APSIA Workshop on Emerging Technology, American University (2022)
- Member of the Project on Failed Innovations - Naval War College (2022)
- Co-convener of the Nuclear Reading Group - Center for International Security and Cooperation (2022)
- Coordinator of the Speaker Series on International Security - Center for Contemporary South Asia, Brown University (2019-2020)
- Coordinator of Graduate Peer Mentorship Program - Department of Political Science, Brown University (2019-2020)
- Graduate Representative - Department of Political Science, Brown University (2018-2019)
- Convener of the Graduate Workshop for International Relations and Comparative Politics - Department of Political Science, Brown University (2015-2017)
- Co-Organizer of the Graduate Women in Political Science Workshop - Department of Political Science, Brown University (2016-2017)
- Student Representative - Faculty of Law and Student Council, Ghent University (2008-2012)

Membership

- International Studies Association
- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association

Reviewer

- Security Studies

Languages

- Dutch (Mother Tongue)
- English (Fluent)
- French (Fluent)
- German (Basic Knowledge)

Skills

- Stata, HLM, LaTeX, Microsoft Office

Fieldwork

- Various Locations, United States (Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, and Spring 2022)
- London, United Kingdom (January-March 2019, worked with Professor Susan Martin)
- Paris, France (April-July 2019, worked with Professor Benoît Pelopidas)
- New Delhi, India (rescheduled for summer 2022 due to COVID-19, affiliated with the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses)

REFERENCES

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