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CURRENT POSITIONS

- 2024-Present **Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict**
Lead Researcher
- 2022-Present **University of San Diego**
Adjunct Lecturer, Joan B. Kroc School of Peace

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024 **Tufts University**
Visiting Lecturer, Experimental College
- 2023-2024 **Boston University**
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
- 2021-2024 **Brandeis University**
Adjunct Lecturer, Heller School for Social Policy and Management
- 2022-2023 **Brown University**
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

EDUCATION

Brown University, PhD, Political Science, 2022

New York University, MA, Politics, 2009

Vassar College, BA

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

HPCR Practitioner's Handbook on Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-Finding: Investigating International Law Violations, co-edited with Claude Bruderlein (Cambridge University Press: 2017).

SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUE

“Governing Complex Disasters in Southeast Asia,” co-editor with Maria Carinnes Alejandria, Pamela Gloria Cajiling, and Will Smith, *Southeast Asia: A Multidisciplinary Journal*, Vol. 24(3), 2024.

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Armed Actor Interventions in Humanitarian and Public Health Crises: Examining Perspectives of Crisis-affected Community Members,” with Samuel T. Boland, Alexandria Nylen, Madison Bates, Maria Carinnes Alejandria, Zein Tayyeb, and Adam C. Levine, *Conflict and Health*, 18(33), 2024.

“Damage to Medical Complexes in the Israel-Hamas War: A Geospatial Analysis,” with Danielle N. Poole, Daniel Andersen, Nathaniel A. Raymond, Trevor Smith, Kaveh Khoshnood, and Hani Mowafi, *BMJ Global Health*, 9(2), 2024.

“Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination During COVID-19: A Comparative Analysis of Local Responses,” with Samuel T. Boland and Josiah Kaplan, *Stability*, 11(1), 2023.

“Moving Humanitarian-Military Relations Forward: A New Typology,” with Maria Carinnes P. Alejandria, Madison Bates, Samuel T. Boland, Alexandria J. Nylen, Zein Tayyeb, and Adam C. Levine, *Journal of International Humanitarian Action*, 8(2), 2023.

“Confronting Humanitarian Insecurity: The Law and Politics of Responding to Attacks against Aid Workers,” with Julia Brooks, *Journal of Humanitarian Affairs*, 2(1), 2020.

“Humanitarian Negotiation with Parties to Armed Conflict: The Role of Laws and Principles in the Discourse,” *Journal of International Humanitarian Legal Studies*, 11(1), 2020: 68-96.

“Emerging Technologies and Medical Countermeasures to Chemical, Biological, Radiation, and Nuclear Agents in East Ukraine,” with Sonny S. Patel, Mykola Prodanchuk, Patrick Chellew, Olha Romaniuk, Yuriy Skrebets, Sergii A. Ryzhenko, and Timothy B. Erickson, *Conflict and Health*, 14, 2020.

“The Humanitarian as Negotiator: Cultivating Capacity Across the Aid Sector,” *Negotiation Journal*, 36(1), Winter 2020: 13-41.

“Strategic Documentation of Violence Against Healthcare: Towards a Methodology for Accountability,” with Phuong Pham, Patrick Vinck, Adrienne Fricke, and Michael VanRooyen, *World Health and Population*, 16(4), 2016: 31-37.

“From Design to Implementation: The Interpretation of Fact-finding Mandates,” *Journal of Conflict and Security Law*, 20(1), Spring 2015: 27-60.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Incrementalism in Law-Making: The Development of Normative Frameworks of Protection for Forcibly Displaced Persons,” in *International Law and Time: Narratives and Techniques*, eds. Klara Polackova Van der Ploeg, Luca Pasquet, and Leon Castellanos-Janckiewicz (Springer: 2022).

“Lessons From Two Regional Missions: Fact-Finding in Georgia and South Sudan,” in *Commissions of Inquiry: Problems and Prospects*, ed. Christian Henderson (Hart Publishing: 2017).

“Developing Norms of Professional Practice in the Domain of Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-finding,” with Claude Bruderlein, in *The Transformation of Human Rights Fact-finding*, eds. Philip Alston and Sarah Knuckey (Oxford University Press: 2015).

NON-PEER REVIEWED SCHOLARSHIP AND POLICY REPORTS

“Implementing the ‘Children and Armed Conflict’ Agenda: Analyzing Data on Trends, Enabling Factors, and Persistent Challenges in Situations with Listed Parties,” Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict, November 2024.

“Good Practices, Lessons Learned, and the Unique Challenges Affecting Security Risk Management in Urban Humanitarian Responses,” Global Interagency Security Forum, December 2023.

“Same Space – Different Mandates: A Civil-Military-Police Guide for Stakeholders in International Disaster and Conflict Response,” with Natasha Chhabra, Beth Eggleston, Jules Frost, Idha Kurniasih and David Tuck, Australian Civil-Military Centre and Australian Council for International Development, March 2023.

“Humanitarian-Military Relations in Complex Emergencies: Evidence, Insights, and Recommendations,” with Maria Carinnes P. Alejandria, Samuel T. Boland, Hank Brightman, Adam C. Levine, Alexandria J. Nylén, David Polatty, and Zein Tayyeb, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, May 2022.

“Humanitarian Access, Great Power Conflict, and Large-Scale Combat Operations,” with Brittany Card and Tarana Sable, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, February 2022.

“Four Dilemmas of Acceptance: Insights from the Field of Humanitarian Negotiation,” with Alain Lempereur, Global Interagency Security Forum, December 2021.

“Diversity and Humanitarian Negotiation,” with Reem Alsalem, *The Humanitarian Leader*, April 2021.

“Re-assessing the Civil-Military Coordination Service of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs: Findings and Recommendations Based on Partners’ Perspectives,” with Brittany Card, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, September 2020.

“Surmounting Contemporary Challenges to Humanitarian-Military Relations,” Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, August 2020.

“Realities and Myths of the Triple Nexus: Local Perspectives on Peacebuilding, Development, and Humanitarian Action in Mali,” with Emmanuel Tronc and Anaide Nahikian, Advanced Training Program on Humanitarian Action, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, June 2019.

“Humanitarian Access Obstruction in Somalia: Externally Imposed and Self-Inflicted Dimensions,” with Emmanuel Tronc and Anaide Nahikian, Advanced Training Program on Humanitarian Action, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, November 2018.

“From Isolation to Interoperability: The Interaction of Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-finding Missions and International Criminal Courts and Tribunals,” with Jill E. B. van Voorhout, The Hague Institute for Global Justice and Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, December 2014.

“Building Effective Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-finding Mechanisms,” with Claude Bruderlein, Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research, Harvard University, April 2012.

OP-EDS AND COMMENTARIES

“When Security Risk Management and Technology Collide: Getting Humanitarian Notification Systems Right,” Global Interagency Security Forum, January 2023.

“We Are All Humanitarian Negotiators Now: 3 Steps for Planning Your ‘Please Take Social Distancing Seriously’ Conversation,” *The Conversation*, March 2020.

“The Impact of Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-finding Missions,” *Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection*, April 2014.

“On Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-finding Mechanisms,” co-authored with Claude Bruderlein, *European Society of International Law Reflections*, July 2012.

“Abandoning Sabotage in Iran,” *Foreign Policy in Focus*, October 2010.

“U.S. vs. ICC?” *Foreign Policy in Focus*, June 2010.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Understanding Humanitarian Access Obstruction: A Structural-Relational Explanation.” Revise and resubmit, *International Studies Quarterly*.

“International and Domestic Diplomacy with Disaster Aid,” in *The Routledge Handbook of Disaster Response and Recovery*, eds. Bimal Kanti Paul and Luke Juran (Routledge). Forthcoming.

“New Wine in Old and New Bottles: Civilian Harms, Displacement, and the Future of Military and Humanitarian Regulation of Artificial Intelligence,” with Asaf Lubin and Ziad Achkar, in *Handbook on Migration and Artificial Intelligence*, ed. Ana Beduschi (Edward Elgar Publishing). Forthcoming.

Special Journal Issue on “Complex Disasters in Southeast Asia,” co-editor with Maria Carinnes Alejandria, Pamela Gloria Cajiling, and Will Smith, *Asia Pacific Perspectives*. Forthcoming.

“The ‘Triple Nexus’ in Abyei: Humanitarianism, Development, and Peacebuilding,” with Maiwen Ngalueth and Claudio Todisco. Working paper.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Annual Conference, Law & Society Association, Chicago, IL, May 2025 (upcoming).

Annual Convention, International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, March 2023; San Francisco, CA, April 2024.

Annual Conference, International Studies Association Northeast, November 2020 (virtual); Providence, RI, November 2023.

Humanitarian Studies Conference, International Humanitarian Studies Association, November 2021 (virtual); November 2023 (virtual).

Conference, International Big History Association, July 2023 (virtual).

Humanitarian Leadership Conference, Centre for Humanitarian Leadership, Deakin University, April 2021 (virtual); April 2023 (virtual).

Conference, International Association for Conflict Management, Dublin, Ireland, July 2019;
Ottawa, Canada, July 2022.

World Summit, Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation, July 2021 (virtual).

Annual World Convention, Association for the Study of Nationalities, May 2021 (virtual).

Annual Conference, Northeast Political Science Association, April 2021 (virtual).

Annual Conference, Midwest Political Science Association, April 2021 (virtual).

Annual Meeting of Frontline Humanitarian Negotiators, Centre of Competence on Humanitarian
Negotiation, Geneva, Switzerland, October 2016, December 2017, December 2018.

Conference on International Law and Time, Graduate Institute of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland,
June 2015.

Conference on International Human Rights Fact-finding in the Twenty-First Century, New York
University School of Law, New York City, NY, United States, November 2013.

PANEL PRESENTATIONS AND EXPERT ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPATION

Presenter, “Children in Crisis: Advocacy, Accountability, and Protection During Armed
Conflict,” panel at Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week, Geneva, Switzerland,
March 2025 (upcoming).

Presenter, “Launch Event: Watchlist ‘Children and Armed Conflict’ Global Dashboard,” hosted
by the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations and Watchlist on Children and
Armed Conflict, New York, NY, November 2024.

Presenter, Geneva Peace Week, October 2024.

Presenter, Research Symposium on Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination, Center for
Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, Watson Institute for International and Public
Affairs, Brown University, September 2020 (virtual); September 2021 (virtual), Providence,
RI, March 2022; Providence, RI, June 2023; Providence, RI, May 2024 (upcoming).

Presenter, “Humanitarian Security Risk Management in Urban Environments,” Humanitarian
Networks and partnerships Week, April 2024.

Presenter, Spring Forum, Global Interagency Security Forum, Washington, DC, March 2024.

Presenter and Co-organizer, “Subsystems and Complex Governance in World Politics,” Research
Workshop, Brown University, February 2024.

Presenter and Co-organizer, “Governing Complex Disasters in Southeast Asia,” International Seminar and Workshop, October 2023 (virtual).

Presenter, Peer Circle on Humanitarian Notification Systems, Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation, September 2023 (virtual).

Presenter, Autumn Forum, Global Interagency Security Forum, September 2022 (virtual), September 2023 (virtual).

Moderator and Co-organizer, “Working Group on Humanitarian Notification Systems,” Lincoln Laboratory at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, January 2023 (virtual).

Presenter and Discussant, “Governing Complex Disasters in Southeast Asia,” Alfred Deakin Institute at Deakin University, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, and Brown University, December 2022 (virtual).

Moderator, “From Checkpoints to High Politics: Humanitarian Access Negotiations in Action,” United Nations Global Humanitarian Policy Forum, December 2021 (virtual).

Presenter, Civilian-Humanitarian Response Workshop, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, September 2021 (virtual).

Presenter, “Decolonizing Aid: Humanitarian ‘Neutrality’ and ‘White Supremacy,’” Panel Discussion, Intersectional Feminist Foreign Policy and Adeso, July 2020 (virtual).

Presenter, “New Findings in the Field of Negotiation,” Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School, June 2020 (virtual).

Presenter, Roundtable on Increasing Diversity and Inclusion in the Humanitarian Sector, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, May 2020 (virtual).

Presenter, Consultative Group on Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination, Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week, Geneva, Switzerland, February 2020.

Presenter, “Evaluating Mechanisms to Investigate Attacks on Healthcare,” International Peace Institute, New York City, NY, United States, June 2017.

Presenter, Working Group on Negotiating the Implementation of the Law, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, September 2016.

Participant, “Expert Roundtable on Evidence-Based Fact-finding,” The Hague Institute for Global Justice, The Hague, Netherlands, May 2015.

Participant, Expert Roundtable on Frontline Negotiations, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA, United States, April 2015.

Presenter, “Launch Event: *HPCR Advanced Practitioner’s Handbook on Commissions of Inquiry*,” Side Event, 28th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland, March 2015.

Presenter, “Fact-finding Mandates: Concurrence or Symbiosis, Coordination or Hierarchy?” The Hague Institute for Global Justice, The Hague, Netherlands, October 2012.

TEACHING

COURSES

University of San Diego, Joan B. Kroc School of Peace

- “Humanitarian Diplomacy,” virtual course, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025 (upcoming)

Tufts University, Experimental College

- “Dramatizing War,” Fall 2024

Brown University, Summer Pre-College Program

- “Humanitarianism: The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly,” Summer 2024

Boston University, Department of Political Science

- “Diplomacy and Statecraft,” Spring 2024
- “Nuclear Security,” Spring 2024
- “Causes of War and Peace,” Fall 2023
- “Ethics and International Relations,” Fall 2023

Brandeis University, Heller School for Social Policy and Management

- “Disaster Management and Capacity Building,” Spring 2021 (co-taught), Spring 2022 (co-taught), Spring 2023, Spring 2024

Brown University, Department of Political Science

- “The Politics of the Laws of War,” Spring 2023
- “Sovereignty, War, and the Modern International System,” Fall 2022

GUEST SPEAKER / FACILITATOR

“Humanitarian Interventions,” Yale University, undergraduate course (December 2021).

“Conflict Analysis for Better Humanitarian Delivery,” Annual Workshop, Operations and Advocacy Division, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (December 2019).

“Advanced Practitioner’s Workshop on Humanitarian Negotiation,” Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation and Harvard Humanitarian Initiative in Ankara, Turkey (April 2015); New York City, United States (September 2015); Byblos, Lebanon (February 2016); Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (June 2017); Dubai, United Arab Emirates (July 2017); and Caux, Switzerland (June 2018).

“Disaster Management and Capacity Building,” Graduate Program in Conflict Resolution and Coexistence, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, graduate student course (March 2017 and April 2018).

“Global Response to Disasters and Refugee Crises,” Harvard University, undergraduate course (April 2016).

“Post-Conflict Colombia and Public Health,” Open Hands Initiative/Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, winter study session course (January 2016).

“13th Specialization Course in International Criminal Law,” International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences, Siracusa, Italy (May 2013).

OTHER PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITIES

External Honors Examiner, Honors Program at Swarthmore College for: “The Politics and Practice of Wartime Humanitarian Action,” taught by Professor Emily Paddon Rhoades.

Graduate Practicum Advisor, Graduate Program in Conflict Resolution and Coexistence, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University: Collin Kindig (Fall 2021), Dennis Wandera (Fall 2021), Katie Constantine (Fall 2022), Samantha Lee (Spring 2023), Philip Aitken (Spring 2023), Nizar Ahmed (Fall 2023), Farouk Alirify (Fall 2023), Liz Peterson (Spring 2024), Mima Ofo (Fall 2024), Bethany Ramus (Fall 2024).

Advisor, Undergraduate Capstone Research Project, Brown University: Amsel Saleem (Spring 2021).

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Best Dissertation of the Year Award, Academic Council on the United Nations System, 2023

Best Article of the Year Prize for “Humanitarian Negotiation with Parties to Armed Conflict: The Role of Laws and Principles in the Discourse,” *Journal of International Humanitarian Legal Studies*, 2020

Summer Research Fellowship, Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School, 2020

USIP-Minerva Peace Scholar, U.S. Institute of Peace, 2019-2020

Graduate Research Fellow, Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School, 2019-2020

Seed Grant, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, Watson Institute for International and Public Policy, Brown University

- “Governing Complex Disasters in Southeast Asia,” co-recipient with Maria Carinnes Alejandria and Will Smith, 2022
- “Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination During the COVID-19 Response,” co-recipient with Samuel Boland, 2020
- “The ‘Triple Nexus’ in Abyei,” co-recipient with Maiwen Ngalueth, 2020

SELECTED MEDIA

Interviewed on: “Humanitarian Notification Systems: Unpacking the Complexities and Possibilities,” Global Interagency Security Forum Podcast (April 2023).

Interviewed on: Channel News Asia Radio, segment on persuading people to abide by COVID-19 safety protocols (April 2020).

Interviewed for: “Humanitarian Negotiation Needs” (article in Turkish), *Analist*, International Strategic Research Organization (May 2015).

Interviewed for: “Human Rights Fact-Finding: The Overarching Importance of Impartiality,” Meet the Manager (July 2014).

Quoted in: “Abacus of Death—And Why It Matters for the Living,” *The New Humanitarian*, (August 2013).

PREVIOUS RESEARCH POSITIONS

U.S. Institute of Peace

- Rapporteur, Ukraine Security Sector Reform Task Force (2023)

Global Interagency Security Forum

- Research Consultant (2023)

Lincoln Laboratory, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

- Research Consultant (2022-2023)

Center for Civilians in Conflict

- Research Consultant (2022)

Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, Brown University

- Researcher (2018-2022)

Harvard Humanitarian Initiative / Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research

- Senior Associate (2014-2019)
- Program Associate (2012-2014)
- Junior Associate (2011-2012)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

REFEREE/REVIEWER

Disasters Journal, Global Interagency Security Forum, Routledge, International Peace Institute, Assessment Capabilities Project (ACAPS), Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance (ALNAP), every casualty

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

- Faculty Affiliate, Center for Innovation in Social Science, Boston University (2023-2024)
- Peer Review Group, Security in a Digital World, Global Interagency Security Forum (2022-2023)
- Advisory Group, United Nations Civil-Military Coordination Service (2020-2023)
- Working Group, Same Space-Different Mandates, Australian Civil-Military Centre (2022)
- Affiliated Faculty, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University (2022-2023)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Academic Council on the United Nations System