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### **CURRENT POSITION: Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Barnard College, Columbia University, July 2007 - Present**

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 to the School of International and Public Affairs, awarded in 2009

Affiliated with the Columbia University Institute for War and Peace Studies, Columbia University Institute for African Studies, and Barnard College Africana Studies Program

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books**

*Peacebuilders: An Ethnography of International Intervention*. New York: Cambridge University Press, Forthcoming 2014 (book under contract after review of full manuscript; final revisions in progress)

*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**

"Dangerous Tales - Dominant Narratives on the Congo and their Unintended Consequences," *African Affairs*, 111 (443), pp. 202-222, Spring 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," [http://www.ceri-sciences-po.org/publica/critique/51/art\\_sa.pdf](http://www.ceri-sciences-po.org/publica/critique/51/art_sa.pdf)

"Hobbes and the Congo – Frames, Local Violence, and International Intervention in the Congo," *International Organization*, 63, pp. 249-280, 2009

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

"The United States' 'Humanitarian Diplomacy' in South Sudan," *Journal of Humanitarian Affairs*, January 2002, [www.jha.ac](http://www.jha.ac)

### **Other publications in refereed journals**

"The Trouble With the Congo: A Precis," 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**

"The Responsibility to Protect in the Congo: The Failure of Prevention" in O'Bannon, Brett and Roth, John (eds.) *The Evolution of the Responsibility to Protect: Imperfect Duties?*, New York: Routledge, accepted for publication, forthcoming 2014

"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**

"Peacetime Violence - Post-Conflict Violence and Peace-Building Strategies." *Program on States and Security*, 2009. [www.statesandsecurity.org](http://www.statesandsecurity.org)

"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

### **PRIZES, HONORS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2012 Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order

2011 International Studies Association' Chadwick Alger Award for best book on international organizations and multilateralism

Research grant, United States Institute of Peace, 2010-2012

Research grant, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, 2010, 2011 (competitive renewal)

Presidential Research Award, Barnard College, Columbia University, 2010-2011

Research support grants, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, 2011 and 2013

Interdisciplinary Faculty Research Award, Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict, and Complexity, Columbia University, 2010 and 2011 (competitive renewal)

Mellon Faculty Diversity Fellowship and New Faculty Fellowship, Barnard College, 2007

Nominated for APSA Helen Reid Award for Best Dissertation in International Relations, 2007

Graduate Student Paper Prize Award, African Studies Association, 2006

Mellon Dissertation-Writing Fellow in Security and Humanitarian Action, 2006

Peace Fellow, United States Institute of Peace, 2004-2005

Mellon Research Fellow in Security and Humanitarian Action, 2004

McCracken Fellow, New York University, 2001 – 2004 / 2005 – 2006

Fulbright Scholar, Columbia University, 1999 – 2000

*Summa Cum Laude*, top 5% of graduating class (*Mention Lauréat*), M.A., *Sciences-Po*, 1999

Valedictorian (*Major de la Promotion*), *Summa Cum Laude (Mention Bien)*, 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 a review of secondary sources

Wrote reports for field team and headquarters and conducted in-depth briefings

### **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 a review of secondary sources

Wrote reports for field team and headquarters and conducted in-depth briefings

### **Teaching Assistant, New York University, Sept. 2001 - Dec. 2003**

Taught sections for undergraduate classes in International Relations (core class, Spring and Fall 2003) and Perspectives on Political Economy (introduction to social sciences; 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 review 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 in terms of security, program, and strategic issues

**Administration & 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 review 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 correspondence on behalf of the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs; set up instrument to facilitate coordination between humanitarian actors

Consultant - intern for International Organization for Migrations (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, *Sciences-Po*, France, July 1999**

Specialization in Communication and in International Relations

**B.A., Political Science, Sorbonne University, France, July 1997**

Specialization in Political Science, with minor in Literature and Communication

**CLASSES TAUGHT**

**Graduate**

Debates on International Peace Interventions: Constructivists, Critical Theorists, Post-Structuralists, Feminists, and their Critics (Ph.D. seminar, GSAS, Columbia University, Spring 2013)

Civil Wars and Peace Settlements (M.A. Seminar, SIPA, Columbia University, Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Spring 2014)

Civil Wars and Peace Settlements in Africa (M.A. seminar, Yale, Spring 2007)

**Undergraduate**

Building Peace (Colloquium, Barnard College, Columbia University, Spring 2014)

Aid, Politics, and Violence in Africa (Colloquium, Barnard College, Columbia University, Spring 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2013, Fall 2013)

Civil Wars and International Interventions in Africa (Lecture class, Columbia University, Fall 2008, Spring 2010, Fall 2013)

Senior Research Seminar (Barnard College, Columbia University, Fall 2007-Spring 2008; Fall 2008-Spring 2009, Fall 2009-Spring 2010)

**TALKS AND CONFERENCES**

**Invited Presentations**

*Everyday Paternalism*

Workshop, George Washington University, Washington, DC, October 2013 (scheduled)

*Peaceland: an Ethnography of International Intervention, at various stages, presented at*

Public lecture, Florida State University, Gainesville, FL, USA, September 2013 (scheduled)

Research seminar, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, May 2013 (scheduled)

Keynote address, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, May 2013

Public lecture, University du Québec à Montréal, Montreal, Canada, May 2013, in French

Research seminar, University of Denver, Denver, CO, USA, April 2013

Research seminar, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, March 2013

Research seminar, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA, February 2013

Public lecture, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, January 2013  
Research seminar, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA, October 2012  
Book incubation workshop, Columbia University, NY, USA, September 2012

*The Trouble With the Congo: Local Violence and the Failure of International Peacebuilding*  
Seminar, University 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, MD, 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  
Women and War conference, 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  
International Seminar on Post-Conflict Peacebuilding in Sub-Saharan Africa, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain, May 2010  
Panel on "The Democratic Republic of Congo," Fifth Annual Saltzman Institute Forum, Columbia University, New York, NY, March 2010

*International Interventions*

Panel, University of Virginia, USA, February 2013

*Peacebuilding in Practice: an Ethnography of International Intervention*, at various stages, presented at

Research seminar, Vassar College, NY, USA, March 2012  
Research seminar, Rutgers University, NJ, USA, January 2011  
Research 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 PhD 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, John Hopkins University, DC, USA, March 2011

*War-Torn Societies and External Interventions: A Fieldwork Conversation*

Research seminar, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, March 2011

*When the West Meets the Rest: Understanding How International Interventions Operate on the Ground*

Research 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 on Social Dynamics of Civil Wars, Peace Research Institute, Oslo, Norway, February 2011

*Institutional Voids and Local Peacebuilding*

Panel "From Relief to Recovery: Confronting the Institutional Void", Conference on "Contradictions and Convergences in State-building, Peace-building, and Humanitarian Action", New York University, New York, NY, March 2010

*Failing the Congo: Local Violence and the Failure of International Peacebuilding*, at various stages, presented in French and English at

Great Decisions Foreign Policy Lecture Series, World Affairs Council of Western Michigan, Grand Rapids, MI, USA, February 2010

Program on African Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA, October 2009

Panel on "Promoting Local Peace," Seminar on *Reconstructing Fragility: The Post-Conflict State in the Democratic Republic of Congo*, Egmont Institute / Institute for Security Studies, Pretoria, South Africa, August 2009

Research Workshop on *Reconstructions de l'Etat en sortie de violence* (Rebuilding States After Violence), Sciences-Po – CERI / CNRS, Paris, France, Mai 2009, in French

Panel Discussion, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, April 2009

University Seminar on Studies in Contemporary Africa, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, April 2009

Speaker series on "Governance and Security in the Democratic Republic of Congo," John Hopkins University, Washington, DC, USA, October 2008

Public lecture, De Pauw University, Greencastle, IN, USA, May 2008

Roundtable on "Ending the War and the Building the Peace in the Congo," Yale University, New Haven, USA, February 2008

Conference on "Fragile Statehood in Africa: A Useful Paradigm for Action?," session on "International Intervention," Observatoire de l'Afrique / Institute for Security Studies, Pretoria, South Africa, May 2008

*The Responsibility to Protect in the Congo: the Failure of Prevention*

Symposium on "Imperfect Duties? Humanitarian Intervention in Africa and the Responsibility to Protect in a Post-Iraq Era," De Pauw University, Greencastle, IN, USA, March 2009

*Failing the Congo and State of the Field*

Research Workshop on African Politics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, USA, February 2009

*Hobbes and the Congo: Frames, Local Violence, and International Intervention*, at various stages, presented at

Workshop on "Inside the Practice of Peace- and State-building," Norwegian Institute for International Affairs, Oslo, Norway, June 2008

Workshop of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations, Folke Bernadotte Academy and Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA, December 2006

International Relations Workshop Seminar Series, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA, November 2006

*Local violence, International Indifference? The Failure of Peace Building in the Congo*, at various stages, presented at

African Studies Institute Brown Bag Lecture Series, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, September 2007

Seminar, Council on African Studies, Five Colleges, Amherst, MA, USA, March 2007

Workshop on "Post-Conflict State Building", 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*, at various stages, presented at

African Studies Brownbag Lunch Series, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA, October 2006

Order, Conflict, and Violence Speakers Series, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA, September 2006

*Researching Local Conflict in the D.R. Congo: Challenges, Dilemmas, and Serendipities*

Graduate Student Workshop on "Designing Research on the Micro-dynamics of Civil Wars," Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA, April 2006

*Ethical Dilemmas and Human Subjects*

Graduate Student Workshop on "Designing Research on the Micro-dynamics of Civil Wars," Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA, April 2006

*Research Findings on International Intervention in the Congo*

Workshop on "Post-Conflict State Building", The New School, New York, NY, USA, November 2005

*Explaining the Humanitarian Policies of States: US Policy in Afghanistan after 9/11*

International Center for Advanced Studies, 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*

Inter-University Consortium on Humanitarian Aid's Annual Conference, The New School, New York, NY, USA, December 2004

### **Conference Papers**

*Peaceland: An Ethnography of International intervention – Conclusion*, at various stages, presented at

African Studies Association conference, November 2013 (scheduled)

*Peaceland: An Ethnography of International intervention – Introduction*, at various stages, presented at

American Political Science Association conference, September 2013 (scheduled)

International Studies Association conference, March 2013

African Studies Association conference, November 2012

*The Politics of Knowledge in Peaceland*,

International Studies Association conference, March 2013

*"We, the International Community:" Understanding International Peace Interventions in Practice*

International Studies Association conference, April 2012

African Studies Association conference, November 2011

Panel presentation, PRIO / Peace and Conflict Studies in Anthropology, Nicosia, Cyprus, September 2011

*When the West Meets the Rest – Understanding How International Interventions Operate on the ground*

International Studies Association Conference, March 2011



*Concluding chapter from "The Trouble with the Congo,"* in various versions, presented at  
International Studies Association conference, March 2011  
African Studies Association conference, November 2010  
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*

International Studies Association Conference, February 2010

*Failing the Congo. International Intervention and Local Violence,* at various stages, presented at

African Studies Association Conference, November 2009

American Political Science Association Conference, September 2009

*The Peacebuilding World,* at various stages, presented at

American Political Science Association Conference, September 2009

International Studies Association Conference, March 2009

American Political Science Association Conference, August 2008

*Hobbes and the Congo: Framing Processes and Continued Local Violence during the Congolese Transition (2003 – 2006),* at various stages, presented at

International Studies Association, San Francisco, March 2008

African Studies Association Conference, October 2007

African Studies Association Conference, November 2006

*Local Violence, National Peace? Local Dynamics of Violence during the Transition in the Eastern D.R. Congo*

African Studies Association Conference, November 2005

## **Policy Talks**

*The Trouble With the Congo: Local Violence and the Failure of International Peacebuilding,* at various stages, presented at

Panel, 13th World Summit of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates, Warsaw, Poland, October 2013 (scheduled)

Panel, World Bank and International Development Research Centre, Nairobi, Kenya, May 2013 (scheduled)

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 for the seminar on "The UN Security Council and the Responsibility to Protect: Policy, Process, and Practices," International Peace Institute and Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Vienna, Austria, June 2009

Panel for the Congo Awareness Day, Yale University, New Haven, USA, CT, February 2009

Panel on "War Again in the Eastern Congo: International Engagement," Great Lakes Policy Forum and Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC, USA, January 2009

Lecture, Le Cercle, Washington, DC, USA, November 2008

- Reducing the Risk of Violence: What Do We Know About What Works*  
Panel, World Bank and International Development Research Centre, Nairobi, Kenya, May 2013  
(scheduled)
- Restraining the Toll of War and Violence*  
Public televised panel, University of Virginia, USA, February 2013
- Conflict in Congo: Violence, Conflict Minerals, Sexual Abuses, and Statebuilding*  
Briefing, Canada's 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*, in  
various versions, presented at  
Wellspring Advisor, Washington, DC, USA, March 2011  
Great Lakes Interagency Working Group, US Department of State, Washington, DC, USA,  
March 2011  
Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY, USA, March 2011
- Local Dynamics of Violence in the Congo*  
The Great Lakes Course, Rift Valley Institute, Entebbe, Uganda, July 2010
- The Failure to Address Root Causes*  
The Great Lakes Course, Rift Valley Institute, Entebbe, Uganda, July 2010
- Understanding the Congolese Conflict*  
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,"*  
Council on Foreign Relations, Center for Preventive Action, Washington, DC, USA, November  
2007
- Understanding the Crisis in the Eastern Congo*  
Team Meeting, Action Against Hunger, Kinshasa, D.R. Congo, June 2007  
Management Meeting, Action Against Hunger, Bukavu, D.R. Congo, June 2007
- The Current Situation in the Kivus*  
General Assembly, Action Against Hunger, Bukavu, D.R. Congo, April 2005
- Afghanistan: a Report from the Field*  
Global Perspectives on the 'War on Terror' Conference, Center for Latin American and  
Caribbean Studies, New York University, New York, NY, USA, March 2003
- The Current situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo*  
Medicos Sin Fronteras, Barcelona, Spain, August 2003
- The Current Situation in Afghanistan*  
Medicos Sin Fronteras, Barcelona, Spain, August 2002
- Kosovo: Point of View of a Humanitarian Field Worker*  
Panel on "the International Intervention in Kosovo," International Academy of Achievement,  
London, UK, October 2000

## **Guest lectures**

### *Resources and Conflict in Congo*

Graduate seminar 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, De Pauw 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**

### **Opinion pieces**

"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

"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

### **Media briefings**

TV: Appeared on the *Miller Forum* (PBS, USA), Radio Télévision Nationale Congolaise news (RTNC, Congo), the *Charlie Rose Show* (PBS, USA), and *Worldfocus News* (PBS, USA)

Radio: Interviewed on *The World* (PRI and BBC, USA), *Invité Afrique* (RFI, France), *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 CBCNews (Canada), *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), *Espresso* (Portugal), *the Washington Post* (USA), *Newsweek* (USA), *Reliefweb* (UN), *the Columbia Political Review* (USA), *the Spectator* (USA), *Inter Press Service News Agency* (Italy).

Grawemeyer award and African Affairs article featured in hundreds of news sources

### **Editorial Contributions**

External 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*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of International Development*, *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, the *Journal of International Relations and Development*, Routledge, and *Security Dialogue*

Advisory group member for International Peace Institute's project on *Understanding Compliance with Security Council Demands in Post-Cold War Civil Wars* (2009-present)

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)

### **Ph.D. supervision**

Member of three Ph.D. committees, Yale University (USA) and Basel University (Switzerland)

Outside examiner of four Ph.D. dissertation defenses, Columbia University

## **Service**

- Elected Member of the Barnard Faculty Finance and Resource Committee (2013 – 2016)
- Member of the Faculty Steering Committee for the Columbia Global Centers in Africa (2012 - 2014)
- Co-Host 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 Committee, Barnard political science department (2012 - 2013)
- Advisor for political science majors and first-year students (2007 – present)
- Member of International Studies Association's 2012 Chadwick Alger Prize award committee
- Reviewer for the National Science Foundation (USA) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
- Member of the Barnard College Committee on Honors (2009 – 2010)
- Liaison officer for exchange program between Barnard Political Science department and Sciences-Po Paris (2008 – 2010)
- Member of Selection Committee for the 2009 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships, Columbia University Institute of African Studies
- Organized panels for the American Political Science Association Conference (2010), the International Studies Association Conference (2008 and 2009) and the African Studies Association Conference (2007, 2009, and 2010). Chaired panels at the International Studies Association Conference (2011 and 2013). Served as discussant at the International Studies Association Conference (2012).
- Organized, chaired, and moderated various talks and events at Columbia University.
- Member of advisory group for conference on "The Democratic Republic of Congo at a Crossroads: Finding Its Way," Columbia University, March 2006

## **Professional Development**

- International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap project, Washington, D.C., 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