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## EDUCATION

2020

### University of Notre Dame, PhD

Peace Studies and Political Science

Subfields: Political Theory and International Relations

Dissertation: *Pluriversal Peacebuilding: Decolonial Dialogue, Democracy, and the Epistemic Politics of Peace*

Committee: Atalia Omer (Co-Chair), Ernesto Verdeja (Co-Chair), Eileen Botting, Jason Springs

2010

### Harvard Divinity School, MTS

Religion, Ethics, and Politics

2008

### Guilford College, BA

Peace & Conflict Studies and Religious Studies

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Current

**University of Notre Dame** - Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Political Theory:** Democratic theory, decolonial theory, comparative political theory

**Peace Studies:** Religion, conflict, and peacebuilding; human rights; restorative justice; post-conflict reconciliation

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

2020

“COVID-19, Democracy, and (De)Colonialities,” *Democratic Theory*.

Lead author. With Navnita Behera, Chengzin Pan, Marcos Scauso, Chih-yu Shih, Kosuke Shimizu, and Arlene Tickner. Special Issue.

2020

“Hideous Aspects: Decolonial Barbarism and the Epistemic Politics of Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein*” in *Creolizing Frankenstein*, ed. Michael Paradiso Michau (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield International)

2010

“The Truth Commissions of Guatemala: Plurality and Particularity in the Human Rights Paradigm.” *The Graduate Journal of Harvard Divinity School*, Volume 5, Spring 2010.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“Unsettling Peace: The Settler-Colonial Challenge to Peacebuilding’s Local Turn”

“In the West but not of the West: Wittgenstein, Pluriversal Dialogue, and Decolonial Forms of Relationality”

“A Terrific Boomerang Effect’: Arendt, Coloniality, and the Origins of Totalitarianism”

## ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

2010 “A New Space for Justice: Reflections on Honduras,” in *Witness: The Culture of Violence*, Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Spring 2010.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

### University of Notre Dame

2019 Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award, Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning

2018 Steven D. Pepe Endowed Ph.D. Fellowship in Peace Studies (recognition of distinguished PhD research, teaching, and service by the Kroc Institute)

2016 John and Judy Scully Family Fellowship (full tuition and stipend award, five academic years)

### Harvard Divinity School

2009 Harold M. Wit Scholarship (full tuition award, one academic year)

2008 Whitehead Scholarship (full tuition award, one academic year)

## SELECTED ACADEMIC RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

2020 ‘In the West but not of the West’: Wittgenstein, Pluriversal Dialogue, and Decolonial Forms of Relationality.” International Studies Association Annual Convention (cancelled due to COVID-19)

2019 *The Local Turn or the Locals’ Turn? Worlds, Knowledges, and Peaces Otherwise*. Peace Research Education Seminar, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

*Chains of White Grievance: Mouffe, Hegemony, and Ethno-Nationalist Strategy*. American Political Science Association

Respondent, *Taking Radical New-Right Thinkers Seriously: Perspectives on Europe, Russia, and the US*, Kellogg Institute for International Studies

2018 *A Powerful Spring of Action: The Restorative Justice of Mary Wollstonecraft*. Wollapalooza II: Daughters, Dissenters, Democracies, Discontents, American Political Science Association,

*Hideous Aspects: Levinas, Decolonial Barbarism, and the Limits of Ethical Encounter in Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein*, Why Frankenstein Matters at 200: Rethinking the Human Through the Arts and Sciences

*Constructive Conflict in Decentered Democracies: Prospects for Agonistic Peacebuilding*, Midwest Political Science Association

*'Wrath and Reasoning' on (In)justice: The Prophetic Politics of Mary Wollstonecraft and Cornel West*, Wollapalooza: Making the Wollstonecraftian Mind, American Political Science Association

*The "Radical Disjunction" Examined: Blackstone and the Limits of Revolution in the Federalist/Anti-Federalist Debate*, Midwest Political Science Association

2017      *Conceptualizing "Success" in Transitional and Post-Violence Justice: New Evidence and Enduring Questions*, International Studies Association Conference

2016      *Corpses and Coercion: The Regulation of Pity and Grief as "Lawless" Desires in Plato's Republic*, Northeastern Political Science Association Conference

2013      *Nuclear Famine: Gamed Systems, Global Consequences*, Professors for Peace Conference

2012      *Nuclear Famine and the Environmental Costs and Consequences of Nuclear (In)Security*, Peace and Justice Studies Association Conference

#### INVITED LECTURES

2020      *From Postcolonialism to Decoloniality*, Department of Political Science, College of Wooster, March 2020

2011      *PECS in the Real World: Peace & Conflict Studies Post-Guilford*, Fleming Lecture Series, Guilford College, April 2011

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

##### University of Notre Dame

Instructor      *(De)Coloniality and Peace*, Fall 2020 (8 students—4 Masters of Global Affairs, 4 undergraduates)

Instructor      *Democracy and Peace*, Spring 2019 (20 students)

Co-Instructor      *Wollstonecraft and Shelley* (Honors Seminar), Spring 2017  
Professor Eileen Hunt Botting (6 students)

Teaching Assistant      *Political Theory*, Fall 2018, Spring 2017  
Professor Dana Villa (3 discussion sections)

Teaching Assistant      *Global Issues Seminar: Towards A Just Peace*, University of Notre Dame Leadership Seminar, Summers 2017 and 2018  
Professors Atalia Omer and Ernesto Verdeja

Teaching Assistant      *U.S. Foreign Policy*, Spring 2018  
Professor Dan Lindley

Teaching Assistant      *How to Change the World: The Strategies and Tactics of Nonviolent Action*, Fall 2017  
Professor David Cortright

Teaching Assistant      *Perspectives on Peacebuilding* (Junior Seminar), Fall 2016  
Professor Ernesto Verdeja

## **TEACHING CERTIFICATIONS AND PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING**

Teaching Well Using Technology, Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning,  
June 2020

Advanced Teaching Scholar Certificate, Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning,  
July 2019

Community Engagement Faculty Institute, Center for Social Concerns, June 2018

Striving for Excellence in College and University Teaching Certificate, Kaneb Center for  
Teaching and Learning, April 2018

Teaching Peace in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Institute for Faculty in Peace  
Studies Program Development, June 2016 and 2017

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Intellectual Life Chair, Kroc Institute Doctoral Student Organization (KrocDocs), 2017-2018

Doctoral Advisory Committee, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, 2017-2018

Peace Studies Field Representative, Department of Political Science, 2016-2018

Search Committee for the Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C. Chair in Peace Studies, Kroc  
Institute for International Peace Studies, Spring 2016

Search Committee for the Professor of the Practice of Conflict Transformation and  
Peacebuilding, Kroc Institute for International Peacebuilding, Fall 2015

Research Delegate to San Pedro Sula, Honduras on behalf of Harvard University Committee  
on Human Rights Studies and David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies,  
January 2010

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2016 – **Contending Modernities Research Initiative**  
Research Associate

2010 – 2015 **International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War**  
Development Associate

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

Sections: Peace Studies, Religion and International Relations

Association for Political Theory

Peace and Justice Studies Association

## **RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

Spanish (written and spoken)

German (written)

## REFERENCES

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Associate Professor of Religion, Conflict, and Peace Studies  
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