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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### University of Amsterdam

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2021- present  
Board member, Amsterdam Research Centre for Gender and Sexuality (ARC-GS)  
Faculty affiliate, Amsterdam Centre for Conflict Studies (ACCS)

### Modern War Institute, United States Military Academy at West Point

Fellow (non-residential), 2019-2020

### University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2018-2021  
Fellow, Interdisciplinary Studies Institute, 2019-2020

## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Political Science, University of Washington, 2018  
Dissertation: *Women in War: Militancy, Legitimacy, and Rebel Success*  
M.A. Political Science, University of Washington, 2014  
B.A. Political Science and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, The College of Wooster, 2012

## ARTICLES

Forthcoming. "Non-Combat Participation in Rebellion: A Gendered Typology," *International Security*

Conditionally accepted. "Introducing the Women's Activities in Armed Rebellion (WAAR) Project 1946-2015," *Journal of Peace Research* (with Hilary Matfess)

Forthcoming. "Women's Participation in Violent Non-State Organizations and Terrorism," in the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*, Oxford University Press (with Hilary Matfess)

Forthcoming. "Race and Racial Exclusion in Security Studies: A Survey of Scholars," *Security Studies* (with Kelebogile Zvobgo, Arturo Sotomayor, Maria Rost Rublee, George Karavas, and Constance Duncombe)

2021. "Using Images as Data in Political Violence Research," *Journal of Human Rights* 20(3): 373-379

2020. “‘Both Needed and Threatened:’ Armed Mothers in Militant Visuals,” *Security Dialogue* 52(1): 21-44

2018. “Deploying Justice: Strategic Accountability for Wartime Sexual Violence,” *International Studies Quarterly* 52(4): 751-764 (with Milli Lake and Kate Cronin-Furman)

2018. “Explaining Extremism: Western Women in Daesh,” *European Journal of International Security* 3(1): 45-68 (with Anna Zelenz)

2017. “Rethinking Rape: The Role of Women in Wartime Violence,” *Security Studies* 26(1): 60-92

2014. “#BringBackOurGirls and the Invisibility of Imperialism,” *Feminist Media Studies* 14(6): 1100-1101

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

“Queering Gender-Based Violence Scholarship: An Integrated Research Agenda,” under review following an invitation to revise and resubmit, *International Studies Review* (with Jamie Hagen)

“Women’s Wings in Rebel Organizations: Prevalence, Purpose, and Variations” (with Hilary Matfess)

“Gendering Rebel Origins: Women as First Movers in Civil War”

“Race, Gender, and Perceptions of Agency in the United States of America’s Daesh-Related Prosecutions” (with Jenna Norosky)

## **ANALYSIS, OP-EDS, AND OTHER WRITING**

2020. “Why Race Matters in International Relations,” *Foreign Policy*, Summer (print issue) (with Kelly Zvobgo)

- Re-published in *International Politics: Classic and Contemporary Readings* (2nd edition) Robert Person, ed. 2021. SAGE Publishing and CQ Press
- Listed in the *New York Times*’ ‘The Interpreter’ “What We’re Reading”

2020. “Marine Corps Gender Desegregation is Overdue and Only the First Step,” *Modern War Institute*, January

2019. “The West Needs to Take the Politics of Women in ISIS Seriously,” *Foreign Policy*, March (with Kanisha D. Bond, Kate Cronin-Furman, Milli Lake, Sarah Parkinson, and Anna Zelenz)

2019. “Gendered Violence and Political Agendas,” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, February (with Hilary Matfess and Robert U. Nagel)

2018. “No, Your Trump-is-gay-for-Putin Jokes Aren’t Funny,” *The Washington Post* (print issue, Outlook)

2017. “Will Integrating Women Into Armed Groups Prevent Rape?” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, January

2016. “Why do Western Women Join Daesh?” *Sustainable Security*, Oxford Research Group, July (with Anna Zelenz)

## **GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS**

- 2022-2025 National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE), “Understanding the Link Between the Recruitment and Operational Behavior of Terrorist Organizations,” (with Evan Perkoski and Alec Warsnop) (\$514, 222)
- 2021 Small Grants Program, Women, Gender & Politics Research Section of APSA, “Introducing the Women’s Activities in Armed Rebellion (WAAR) Project 1946-2015,” (with Hilary Matfess)
- 2017-2018 Presidential Dissertation Fellowship, University of Washington
- 2017-2018 Richard B. Wesley Endowed Fellowship in Comparative Politics, University of Washington
- 2016 Peter May Graduate Research Grant, University of Washington
- 2015-2016 Richard B. Wesley Endowed Fellowship in International Security, University of Washington

## **RECENT INVITED TALKS**

- 2021 University of Minnesota International Relations Colloquium
- 2021 University of Wisconsin International Security Colloquium
- 2020 Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies at Indiana University
- 2020 United States Senate Staff National Security Discussion Group
- 2020 Bridging the Gap Project, American University
- 2020 Boston University
- 2019 Harvard University Women and Public Policy Program
- 2019 Yale University MacMillan Center
- 2018 Wesleyan University Allbritton Center for the Study of Public Life

## **RECENT WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES**

- International Studies Association Annual Convention: 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2018

- 2022 *Under-Researched Aspects of Gender and Security*, University of Amsterdam (organizer and participant)
- 2022 *Feminists Takes on Rebel Warfare and Civil War Workshop*, Swedish Defence University
- 2020 *Peacekeeping, Human Security, and Violence Workshop*, University of Maryland
- 2020 *The New Directions in the Quantitative Study of Gender and Peace Science*, Peace Science Society
- 2020 *Centre for the Analysis of the Radical Right Annual Conference* (cancelled due to the covid19 pandemic)
- 2019 *Conference on Ideology and Political Violence*, Texas A&M University
- 2019 *Women Waging War*, Columbia University Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies and City College's Politics of Sexual Violence Initiative
- 2019 *Conflict, Violence and Security Workshop*, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2017 *Workshop on Measuring Inclusion*, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver
- 2017 *Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy*, Columbia University
- 2016 *The Conceptualization and Measurement of Female Combatants Workshop*, School of International Service, American University

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2019 *International Policy Summer Institute (IPSI)*, Bridging the Gap Project
- 2019 *College and University Educators Workshop*, Council on Foreign Relations
- 2019 *Researching and Teaching Security*, Alliance to Advance Liberal Arts Colleges

## TEACHING

- 2020-2021 Nominee, University of Massachusetts, Amherst Distinguished Teaching Award
- 2019-2020 Finalist, University of Massachusetts, Amherst Distinguished Teaching Award
- 2017-2018 Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Washington
- 2013-2016 Commendation for excellence in teaching, University of Washington

### *Courses taught*

- International Relations (graduate)
- Gender and Armed Conflict (graduate, undergraduate)
- Political Violence (undergraduate)

World Politics (undergraduate)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2022            Committee, Small Grants Program, Women, Gender & Politics Research Section,  
                    APSA

**Reviewer/referee**

*International Security, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Conflict Management and Peace Science, British Journal of Political Science, European Journal of International Security, European Journal of International Relations, Research & Politics, Security Studies, Comparative Political Studies, International Studies Review, The International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (ICCT), International Feminist Journal of Politics, Journal of Global Security Studies, International Affairs, Swiss National Science Foundation, National Science Foundation, and Oxford University Press*