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EDUCATION

Yale University, New Haven, CT

PhD, Political Science (2016)

MPhil, Political Science (2012)

MA, Political Science (2010)

Field certifications: comparative politics, political economy, and quantitative methods.

Dissertation: "Civil war, social networks, and women in politics."

Committee: Elisabeth Wood and Thad Dunning (co-chairs), and Dara Kay Cohen

Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

BA, Political Science, *cum laude* (2008)

Research areas: Political conflict and violence, non-state armed groups, post-conflict transitions, Africa, Latin America, religion, and gender.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia (2018–present)

Assistant professor of International Relations, *Faculty of International, Political, and Urban Studies*

University of Texas, A&M, College Station, TX (2015–2018)

Visiting assistant professor of International Affairs, *Bush School of Government & Public Service*

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

American Political Science Association travel fellowship (2019)

United States Department of Defense Minerva Grant (co-PI) (2014–2017)

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (2014–2015)

Yale University Dissertation Fellowship (2013–2014)

Yale University MacMillan Center Dissertation Research Grant (2012–2013)

John F. Enders Fellowship (2012)

United States National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (2010–2013)

Brigham Young University Office of Creative Research and Activities Grant (2008)

Brigham Young University Roberts Grant (2007)

PUBLICATIONS

(Forthcoming.) "From Havana to Bogotá: The indicators for measuring the implementation of the gender perspective of the Colombian Peace Agreement with the FARC guerrilla" with Lina Céspedes and Felipe Jaramillo Ruiz. In *Feminist Policymaking in Turbulent Times: Critical Perspectives*, eds. Clara Eroukhmanoff and Hannah Partis-Jennings. Routledge.

2023. "The inclusion of disability as a non-trade issue in preferential trade agreements" with Felipe Jaramillo Ruiz and Rodrigo Fagundes Cezar. *Global Social Policy* 23 (1): 148–166.

2011. "Women in the Post-Conflict Period," with Mary Caprioli and Valerie Hudson. In *Peace and Conflict 2010*, eds. Joseph Hewitt, Jonathan Wilkenfeld and Ted Robert Gurr.

2007. "Political Push Factors in Emigration: A Comparative Analysis." *Sigma: Journal of Political and International Studies* 25 (4): 23-33.

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

"The constitutional entanglement of militarisation and disability in Colombia" with Felipe Jaramillo Ruiz (under review).

"(En)gendering murder in the CEDAW: Femicide in Latin America," with Felipe Jaramillo Ruiz.

"Secret Societies and Public Politics: Conservative women in post-conflict West Africa." Book manuscript.

TEACHING

Universidad del Rosario

Methods of Quantitative Analysis in the Social Sciences (2023)

Area Studies: Sub-Saharan Africa (2018–2023)

Area Studies: North America (2020–2023)

Research Seminar (2018–2020)

University of Texas A&M

Directed Studies in Intelligence: Analysis of the crime-terror nexus (2018)

Research Methods for Security and Foreign Policy (2016–2018)

Religion and Politics (2017)

Contemporary Civil Wars (2015)

Transnational Security Issues (2015)

Yale University

Approaches to International Security – teaching fellow for Dr. Matthew Kocher (2014–2015)

Brigham Young University

Civil Wars and Ethnic Violence – adjunct professor (2013)

Advanced Quantitative Political Methodology – lab instructor for Dr. Jay Goodliffe (2007–2008)

OTHER ACADEMIC TRAINING

Research assistant, Project-Level Aid Database (PLAID/AidData) (2008)

Research assistant, WomanStats Database (2007–2008)

Research assistant to John David Payne (PhD candidate at MIT) (2006–2007)

Intern, Embassy of Jordan in Washington, DC (2006)

PRESENTATIONS

“Secret Societies and Public Politics: Conservative women’s post-conflict political activism in Sierra Leone and Liberia.” Observatorio de Tierras (Bogotá, Colombia), 2023.

“(En)gendering murder in Latin America,” with Felipe Jaramillo Ruiz. VII Congreso Nacional de Ciencia Política, Universidad de Los Andes (Bogotá, Colombia), 2023.

“Secret Societies and Public Politics: Progressive and Conservative Women in Post-War Liberia and Sierra Leone.” Annual Conference of the Liberian Studies Association, 2021.

“Traditional Authority and Armed Organizations in West Africa.” Annual Conference of the International Studies Association, 2021.

“Conservative Women's Organizations and Post-Conflict Political Inclusion.” Annual Conference of the International Studies Association, 2021.

“Traditional Authority and Armed Organizations in West Africa.” Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, 2020.

“Quota Quotients: Alternative Measurements of Women’s Legislative Representation.” Annual Conference of RedIntercol – Red Colombiana de Relaciones Internacionales (Barranquilla, Colombia), 2019.

“Quota Quotients: Alternative Measurements of Women’s Legislative Representation.” Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association (Washington, DC), 2019.

“Traditional Authority and Ideological Innovation in Non-State Armed Groups.” LDS Scholars Conference (Provo, UT), 2019.

“Traditional Authority and Armed Organizations in West Africa.” Annual Conference of the Liberian Studies Association (Chicago, IL), 2019.

“Secret Societies and Public Politics.” Annual Cornell/Stockholm Conference on International Studies in the 21st Century (Stockholm, Sweden), 2018.

“The First Political Order: Sex, Governance, and National Security,” with Valerie Hudson, Donna Lee Bowen, and Lynne Nielsen. Annual Conference of the International Studies Association (San Francisco, CA), 2018.

“Civil War and Women’s Political Empowerment.” Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia, 2018.

“Polygamy and Political Resistance.” Empirical Studies of Gender Conference (New Haven, CT), 2017.

“Polygamy and Political Resistance.” LDS Scholars Conference (Provo, UT), 2017.

“The First Political Order and Its Effects on National Security and Stability,” with Valerie Hudson, Donna Lee Bowen, and Lynne Nielsen. Annual Conference of the International Studies Association (Baltimore, MD), 2017.

“Secret Societies and Public Politics: Conservatism and Progressivism Among Women in Post-Conflict West Africa.” Ethics and Political Science Group, Texas A&M University, 2016.

“Political Order, Household Formation, and Demographics,” with Valerie Hudson, Donna Lee Bowen, and Lynne Nielsen. Annual Conference of the International Studies Association (Atlanta, GA), 2016.

“Development NGOs and the Decline of the Women’s Movement in Post-war Sierra Leone.” Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco, CA), 2015.

“The Differential Impact of War on Local Power Networks in Sierra Leone and Liberia.” Harvard-MIT-Yale Conference on Political Violence (New Haven, CT), 2014.

“Household Formation Systems, Marriage Markets, and Societal Stability/Resilience” with Valerie Hudson. Minerva Initiative Research Meeting (Washington, DC), 2014.

SERVICE

Referee, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Politics*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Global Society*, *Sexual Abuse*, and *Women’s History Review*

Volunteer English instructor, Barrio Nogal, Bogotá, Colombia (2019–2020)

Volunteer English instructor, Mounce Library, Bryan, TX (2017–2018)

Co-principal investigator, WomanStats Database (2013–2018)

Electoral monitor for TEDEWOSIL (Thorough Empowerment & Development for Women & Girls in Sierra Leone) (2012)

Co-coordinator for the *Experiments Workshop* at the Institution of Social and Political Studies (ISPS) at Yale University (2010–2011)

Discussant for the *Order, Conflict, and Violence Workshop* (2008–2015), the *Comparative Politics Workshop* (2008–2015), and the *Violence + Health Student Working Group* (2014–2015) at Yale University

LANGUAGES

Spanish (intermediate)

French (intermediate)

Sierra Leonean Krio (conversational)

Arabic (elementary)