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EDUCATION

- 2017 Professional Certificate in Online Education, University of Wisconsin–Madison.
- 2010 Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Minnesota–Twin Cities.
Fields: International Relations and Comparative Politics.
Minor: Human Rights.
Adviser: Professor Kathryn Sikkink.
- 2001 M.A. in International Relations, University of Delaware.
- 1994 B.A. in Philosophy, Religious Studies, certificate in Women’s Studies, Indiana University–Bloomington.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2021-present Professor, Department of Political Science, Rhode Island College.
- 2011-present Director, International Nongovernmental Organizations and Nonprofit Studies Organizations Studies (INGOS), Department of Political Science, Rhode Island College.
- 2016–2021 Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Rhode Island College.
- 2018 Visiting Scholar, The New Zealand Center for Human Rights Law, Policy and Practice, Auckland Law School, University of Auckland, Spring 2018.
- 2011–2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Rhode Island College.

2002–2007 Instructor and Teaching Assistant, Department of Political
Science, University of Minnesota–Twin Cities.

COURSES TAUGHT

Global Politics, International Law and Organization, Human Rights, Comparative Social Movements, International Nongovernmental Organizations, International Nongovernmental Organizations and Social Entrepreneurship; Community Engagement, First-year seminar: Human Rights: From Palestine to the Patriot Act, Political Activism and Social Justice, Internship in INGOS, Pre-Internship in INGOS, Professional Development in INGOS, Global Politics and Film, Model United Nations.

BOOKS and CHAPTERS

- 2023 “Nothing about us without us’: governance at the United Nations through affected persons federations of LGBTIQ+ activists and sex workers” in *Handbook on Governance in International Organizations*, ed. Alistair Edgar (Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishers), forthcoming.
- 2023 “Pathologies of Child Governance: Safe Harbor Laws and Children Involved in the Sex Trade in the United States” in *Children, Childhoods, and Global Politics*, ed. by J Marshall Beier and Helen Berents (Bristol, UK: Bristol University Press).
- 2016 *The Globalization of Childhood: The International Diffusion of Norms and Law against the Child Death Penalty*, (Oxford University Press).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2019 “The Rights of Queer Children: The denial of children’s sexual agency in the Convention on the Rights of the Child,” *International Journal of Children’s Rights* 27:4; pp. 719–737.
- 2018 “Gatekeeper Persuasion and Issue Adoption: Amnesty International and the transnational LGBTQ network,” *Journal of Human Rights* 17: 2, 245–264.
- 2015 with Mikaila Muriel Lemonik Arthur. “Teaching Progress: A critique

of the grand narrative of human rights as pedagogy for marginalized students," *Radical Teacher*, vol. 103.

- 2014 "The Globalization of Childhood: The international diffusion of norms and law against the child death penalty," *European Journal of International Relations*, 20, no. 2: 544-568.
- 2011 with Dick Eisenbeis. "The Carlson Company and Global Corporate Citizenship: The protection of children in the travel and tourism industry," *Case Research Journal*.
- 2011 "From Rapists to Superpredators: What the practice of capital punishment says about race, rights, and the American child," *International Journal of Children's Rights*, 19: 127-150.
- 2006 "Statelessness and Roma Communities in the Czech Republic: Competing theories of state compliance," *International Journal of Minority and Group Rights* 13, no. 4: 341-365.

GRANTS

- 2023-2024 "Faculty Advisor for the RIC Model United Nations Team at the NY Intercollegiate Competition," Committee for Faculty Scholarship; Grant award: \$2,382.66.
- 2023-2024 "Institutional Design and E-learning Certificate," Faculty Professional Development Fund, Grant award: \$1679.32.
- 2023-2024 Provost Student Engagement Grant for project, "2024 Intercollegiate Model United Nations," Grant award: \$6482.00.
- 2023-2024 FCTL Grant for Model UN materials, Grant award: \$220.99
- 2023-2024 Committee for Faculty Scholarship Major Grant Award for Project, "NGOs and International Politics Textbook, Second Edition," Grant award: \$3000.

- 2023 Committee for Faculty Scholarship Reassigned Time Award for project, "NGOs in International Politics textbook project," Grant award: 4 credits.
- 2023 Committee for College Lectures, "European Regional Law in a Post-Brexit Europe," funding to bring Dr. Paolo Graziano at University of Padua to campus, Grant Award: \$300.00.
- 2022-2023 Committee for Faculty Scholarship Mini Grant Award for Project, "Pathologies of child governance: Safe harbor laws and children involved in the sex trade in the United States, presentation at International Studies Association, Montreal" Grant Award: \$1500.00.
- 2022 Committee for College Lectures, "Sex Worker Rights are Human Rights," funding to bring Bella Robinson, ED of CoyoteRI to campus, Grant Award: \$300.00.
- 2022 Committee for Faculty Scholarship Major Grant Award for project, "NGO Federations: The advancement of human rights and affected peoples via federative structures at the United Nations," Grant: \$3000.00.
- 2022 Committee for Faculty Scholarship Mini Grant Award for project, "The turn inward: Amnesty, colonialism, and decline of the international NGO," Grant Award: \$1500.00.
- 2021-2022 Committee for Faculty Scholarship, Mini Grant Award for project, "Model UN Advisor Institute and RIC Program," Grant Award: \$1500.00.
- 2021 Committee for Faculty Scholarship Reassigned Time Request, "Feeding the Beast: Amnesty International and UN Engagement 1961-2020," Grant Award: 4 credit hours.
- 2020-2021 Committee for Faculty Scholarship, Major Grant Award for project, "Amnesty International's Mandate and Engagement at the United Nations," Grant Award: \$2,625.00.
- 2020-2021 Committee for Faculty Scholarship Major Grant Award for project, "Global LGBTQ Activism and Agenda-Setting," Grant Award: \$3,450.00.

- 2020 College Lecture Grant to bring exonerated death row prisoner to campus (or virtually): Sabrina Butler-Smith, Innocent and on Death Row, Grant Award: \$864.00.
- 2019-2020 Committee for Faculty Scholarship Reassigned Time Request, "International Nongovernmental Organizations Studies Program Revision," Grant Award: 4 credit hours.
- 2019-2020 Committee for Faculty Scholarship Major Grant Award for project, "Dissent within NGOs: Amnesty International and contestations of identity, sex, and death," Grant Award: \$3,585.00
- 2019 Center for Research and Creative Activity Grant for project, "Rhode Island College Food Justice Project," Providence, RI. Grant Award: \$544.00
- 2019 College Lecture Grant to bring Scott Langley, Amnesty International, to campus to speak and exhibit the photography series, Troy Davis Executions, Grant Award: \$770.00
- 2018-2019 Committee for Faculty Scholarship Minor Grant Award for project, "ISA 2019 conference: Shaming the Shamers: The gatekeeper's paradox and campaigns among NGOs," Grant Award: \$1,159.00
- 2018-2019 Committee for Faculty Scholarship Major Grant Award for project, "Sex Work as a Human Right? The Controversy and Consequences of Amnesty International's Policy," Grant Award: \$2,763.00
- 2018 Sabbatical Award. Grant Award: 12 credits.
- 2018 Center for Research and Creative Activity Grant for project, "Incorporating Model UN Simulations into Global Politics," Grant Award: \$1,877.00
- 2017-2018 Faculty Research Grant for project, "Pathways of Change: LGBTIQ Rights in the Global South," Grant award: \$4,000.00.
- 2017-2018 Center for Research and Creative Activity Grant for project, "Online

Education Training for Political Activism and Social Justice," Grant award: \$1,295.00.

- 2016–2017 Faculty Development Grant, Grant award: \$1,350.00.
- 2016–2017 Faculty Research Grant for project, "Gatekeepers of the Global South: Who shapes the LGBTQ agenda?" Grant award: \$3,823.00.
- 2016 College Lecture Award to bring Jane Wells from 3 Generations to campus to speak and show the Holocaust documentary, Night Will Fall, Grant Award: \$775.00.
- 2016 Dean's Supplemental Fund, Grant award: \$800.00.
- 2015–2016 Faculty Development Grant, Grant award: \$920.00.
- 2015–2016 Faculty Research Grant for project, "Shaping the Global Agenda: the effectiveness of LGBTQ transnational advocacy networks," Grant award: \$2,841.00.
- 2015 American Political Science Association Small Research Grant for project, "Transnational LGBT Advocacy Networks: The International Lesbian and Gay Association and the Shaping of Amnesty International's Mandate." Grant award: \$2,500.00.
- 2014–2015 Faculty Development Grant, Grant award: \$860.00.
- 2014–2015 Faculty Research Grant for project, "Can Gay Rights Globalize? Normative Contestation and Advocacy Networks at the United Nations," Grant award: \$3,607.00.
- 2013 College Lectures Grant to bring Ari Rubenstein from Corporate Accountability to campus, Grant Award: \$225.00.

HONORS and FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020 Exceptional Performance Award. Rhode Island College, Providence, RI.

- 2018 Visiting Scholar Fellow, The New Zealand Center for Human Rights Law, Policy and Practice, Auckland Law School, University of Auckland, Spring 2018.
- 2016 International Studies Association Best Paper on Human Rights, "Gatekeeper Persuasion and Issue Adoption: Amnesty International and the transnational LGBTQ network," International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, presented in Atlanta in March 2016.
- 2013 Law and Society Early Career Workshop invitee, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Boston.
- 2012–2013 Engaged Scholars Presidential Faculty Fellowship, Rhode Island Campus Compact.
- 2012 Certificate for "The Best Class at RIC: First Year Seminar, Human Rights," from the Student Government Association, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI.
- 2012 Certificate for "The Best Class at RIC: Global Politics," from the Student Government Association, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI.
- 2010 Nominee for the American Council of Learned Societies New Faculty Fellows.
- 2007 Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship, awarded to fund research study with Professor Kathryn Sikkink titled, "The Logic of Norm Cascades: a comparative analysis," University of Minnesota–Twin Cities.
- 2006 Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) Dissertation Fellowship, Runner-up.
- 2005 Kevin B. Winge Award for Community Leadership, Philanthrofund Foundation of Minnesota, 2005.
- 2005 Vernie Wolfsberg Scholarship, University of Minnesota–Twin Cities.

- 2004 Penny Fellowship, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, Minneapolis.
- 2004 Max M. Kampelman Graduate Research Fellowship in Human Rights, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota–Twin Cities.
- 2004 Upper Midwest Fellowship for Human Rights, University of Minnesota Human Rights Center, University of Minnesota–Twin Cities.
- 2002–2003 International Studies Association Award for Best Graduate Student Paper presented at the 2002 International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans. Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration subsection.
- 2002 Clara H. Ueland Fellowship in Political Science, University of Minnesota–Twin Cities.
- 2002 MacArthur Fellowship for International Internship in Human Rights, University of Minnesota–Twin Cities.
- 2001–2002 Carlson Fellowship in Human Rights, University of Minnesota–Twin Cities.
- 2000 President’s Award for Excellence in Research: Graduate Division, University of Delaware, Newark, Del.

PAPERS and PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “Pathologies of child governance: Safe harbor laws and children involved in the sex trade in the United States,” Book Roundtable, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Montreal, March 15-19.
- 2021 “Pathologies of child governance: Safe harbor laws and children involved in the sex trade in the United States,” Children, Childhoods, and Global Politics Workshop, virtual, May 21, 28.

- 2020 "Two-Level Games and NGOs: The process of Amnesty International's mandate changes, 1990-2015," International Studies Association Northeast, virtual, November 5-7.
- 2020 "Allies at the Gate: The gatekeeper's paradox and the struggle for power and influence in multilateral governance," Academic Council on the United Nations, virtual, June 25-27.
- 2019 "Dissent, Death, and Desire: Norm contestation within Amnesty International," International Studies Association Northeast Conference, Providence, RI, November 8-9.
- 2019 "Comments on International Norms, Law, and Human Rights in the Context of the ICC and Legal Imperialism," International Studies Association Northeast Conference, Providence, RI, November 8-9.
- 2019 "Innocence Preserved: Regulating children's sexual agency through international law and institutions," International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, March 27-31.
- 2019 "Shaming the Shamers: The gatekeeper's paradox and campaigns among NGOs," International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, March 27-31.
- 2018 "The Globalization of Childhood," Book Talk 21/Podcast Interview: Academic Council on the United Nations, June (invited podcast).
- 2018 "Shaming the Shamers: Amnesty International and the LGBTIQ Network: The New Zealand connection," Amnesty International Aotearoa New Zealand, Auckland, April (invited presentation).
- 2017 "Cultural Humility: Preparing students for work in diverse communities locally and abroad," presentation at the 20th Annual Promising Practices Multicultural Conference, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI, November.
- 2017 "Childhood as an idea," Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, March (invited presentation).

- 2017 "Victims, Survivors, and Lolitas: The sexual agency of children as a human right," International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, February 22-26.
- 2016 "Network Theory, the Sexual Agency of Children, and the Globalization of LGBTQ Human Rights," International Studies Association Human Rights Conference, New York, June 13-15.
- 2016 "Global LGBTIQ Activism," Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI, April.
- 2016 "Faculty Book Series: The Globalization of Childhood," Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI, March.
- 2016 "Shaping the Global Agenda: The effectiveness of the LGBTIQ transnational advocacy network," International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, March 16-20.
- 2015 "Gatekeeper Persuasion and Issue Adoption: Amnesty International and transnational LGBT networks," International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, February 18-22.
- 2014 "Obama's 'Red Line' in Syria: Assessing the normative power of a military hegemon," American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 28-31.
- 2014 "'Not that there's anything wrong with that': the Politics of Outing," Engaging Conversations, Rhode Island College, May 14.
- 2013 "International Law and the Illegitimacy of the Children of Same-Sex Couples," Law and Society Organization Annual Meeting, Boston, May 29-June 2.
- 2011 "Coercive Socialization and the White Man's Burden: The colonial diffusion of norms and law against the child death penalty," International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference, Providence, RI, November.

- 2008 "From Rapists to Superpredators: What the practice of capital punishment says about race, rights, and the American child," Northeast Law and Society Conference, Amherst, Mass., October 31-November 1.
- 2007 "International Law and Recalcitrant States: Achieving compliance," International Studies Association Annual Convention, Chicago, March.
- 2006 "The Global Diffusion of the Norm Abolishing the Death Penalty for Child Offenders," Midwest Political Science Organization, Chicago, April 20-23.
- 2002 "Human Rights Lessons of International Pressure and Roma Statelessness: Case Studies of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Czech Republic," European Roma Rights Centre Conference on Roma Statelessness, Igalo, Montenegro, September 6-8.
- 2002 "Causal Webs and Collective Identity: The European Union, Accession Partners, and the Roma," International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, March.
- 2000 "Women's Access to Credit in the Developing World: Empowerment via credit and organization," Geis Research on Women Conference, Newark, Del., April 27, 2000.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 "Coalition building at the state level: Reproductive Rights Activism in Times of Uncertainty," at Amnesty International USA's 2023 Virtual Activism Conference with Jocelyn Foye and Jennifer Rourke, October 21.
- 2023 "Community Based Research with Criminalized Sex Workers and Sex Trafficking Survivors," at Amnesty International USA's 2023 Virtual Activism Conference with Bella Robinson and Tara Burns, October 20.
- 2023 "Teaching Activism for Restorative Justice," Restorative Justice Summer Program, RIC, Providence, RI. August 8.

- 2023 "Human Rights in the 21st Century: The rights of refugees," RICESS, Providence, RI, March 29.
- 2022 "AIUSA's Preservation: 1994-present," Amnesty USA Annual General Meeting, virtual, March 4-6.
- 2020 Human Rights in Rhode Island. "Amnesty New England Podcast with Rush Frazier," May 11, 2020.
- 2019 "Decriminalization and the Rights of Sex Workers: Steps forward for advocacy," Northeast Amnesty International Regional Conference, Providence, November.
- 2017 "Asynchronous Group Work: Active learning in online education," Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI, November.
- 2017 "Social Justice Across Curricula" Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI, March.
- 2016 with Dick Eisenbeis. "The Carlson Company and Protecting Children in the Global Tourism Industry," case in Anne Lawrence and James Weber, *Business and Society: Ethics, Stakeholders, Public Policy*, 14th and 15th editions, McGraw-Hill, February.
- 2015 (Invited submission). "A Seat at the Table: The struggle for international LGBTQ rights at the United Nations," *E-International Relations*. June 2015.
- 2014 (Invited submission). "Service Learning as a Critical Pedagogy," *Issues in Teaching and Learning*, Rhode Island College, March.
- 2014 "'Not that there's anything wrong with that': the Politics of Outing," *Engaging Conversations*, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI, May 14.
- 2013 "Engaging Globally: Discovering the world through local partnerships," *Promising Practices*, Providence, RI, November 3.

- 2013 "International Nongovernmental Organizations and Social Entrepreneurship: Service-learning and engaged scholarship," Rhode Island Campus Compact Annual Statewide Meeting, University of Rhode Island, April 2.
- 2013 "Service Learning in the Classroom," Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI, January.
- 2013 Brabeck, Kalina, Carol Cummings, Holly Dygert, Valerie Endress, Liz Garofalo, Antoinette Gomes, Carie Hertzberg, Christopher Hourigan, Linda Kent Davis, Robyn Linde and Marissa Weiss. "Report to the Committee on College Mission and Goals," Subcommittee on Community Engagement and Experiential Learning, Committee on College Mission and Goals, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI.
- 2007 "Book Review: The United Nations and Human Rights: A Guide for a New Era," Millennium: Journal of International Studies 36, no.1: 174-176.

COLLEGE SERVICE

- 2021-present Chair, Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Admission Policy, Rhode Island College.
- 2021-present Treasurer, Friends of Adams Library, Rhode Island College.
- 2011-present Faculty Adviser, Political Science Club, Rhode Island College.
- 2022 Chair, Political Science Hiring Committee, Rhode Island College.
- 2021 Honors thesis adviser, Rhode Island College, Department of Political Science, Nikola Trahan.
- 2020-2021 Honors thesis adviser, Rhode Island College, Department of Political Science, Patricia Alison MacBeth.
- 2020-2021 Honors thesis adviser, Rhode Island College, Department of Political Science, Juliet Antonio.

2019-2020 McNair Adviser, Rhode Island College, Department of Political Science, Jocelyn Jolon Gamez.

2018-2021 Member, Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Admissions Policy, Rhode Island College.

2019 Member, Mental Health Awareness and Education & Suicide Prevention Steering Committee, Rhode Island College, 2019.

2018-2019 Member, HIV/AIDS Awareness and Education Planning Committee, Rhode Island College.

2018-2019 Honors thesis adviser, Rhode Island College, Department of Political Science, Julia Testa.

2016-2019 Human Rights Committee (Chair), American Federation of Teachers, Rhode Island College Local 1819.

2016-2018 Faculty Council, Member at Large, Rhode Island College.

2017 Political Science Hiring Committee, Rhode Island College.

2017 Executive Committee Member, Faculty Council, Rhode Island College.

2017 Political Science/History Department Hiring Committee.

2017 Honors thesis adviser, Nicauris Heredia, "Racial Constructions: Privilege and social hierarchy," winner of the Forand Award for best thesis in Political Science.

2016-2017 Nominations Committee (Chair), American Federation of Teachers, Rhode Island College Local 1819.

2017 Faculty Adviser, Anchorheads, Rhode Island College.

2014-2017 Faculty Adviser, Oxfam Club, Rhode Island College.

2016–2017	Faculty Adviser, Pride Alliance (LGBT student organization), Rhode Island College.
2013–2016	Faculty Adviser, H.O.P.E. (LGBT student organization), Rhode Island College.
2012–2016	Faculty Council, Political Science Representative, Rhode Island College.
2012–2016	Committee of the Committees, Rhode Island College.
2013	Subcommittee on Community Engagement and Experiential Learning, Council on Mission and Goals, Rhode Island College.
2012	Political Science/Geography Department Hiring Committee. Rhode Island College.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2021	Model UN Advisors Institute, “Designing MUN Courses,” Best Delegate, virtual, June 22-24.
2021	Model UN Advisors Institute, “Teaching MUN Fundamentals,” Best Delegate, virtual, June 15-17.
2020	Fusion workshop on Online Community Education, Campus Compact.
2019	Summer Seminar for Online Learning, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI.
2018	United Nations Intensive Summer Program, Seton Hall University, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Summer.
2017	Professional Certificate in Online Education, University of Wisconsin–Madison, October.

- 2014 Summer Seminar for the Teaching of Writing, Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI.
- 2013 Law and Society Early Career Workshop, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Boston.
- 2012–2013 Engaged Scholars Presidential Faculty Fellowship, Rhode Island Campus Compact.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2022-present Director, Amnesty International USA.
- 2023 Reviewer, National Science Foundation.
- 2021-present Amnesty International Representative to the Rhode Island House Resolution Committee H5250: Creating a Special Legislative Commission to Study Ensuring Racial Equity and Optimizing Health and Safety Laws Affecting Marginalized Individuals. State of Rhode Island.
- 2017-present Board member, The Roots Project.
- 2013-present Manuscript review: Journal of Human Rights, American Journal of Sociology, British Journal of Political Science, European Journal of International Relations, Childhood, Human Rights Review, Journal of Homosexuality, Global Society, African Journal of Legal Studies.
- 2013-present Board member, National Archives Advisory Committee, Amnesty International USA.
- 2021-2022 Member, Legislative Coordinator Steering Committee, Amnesty International USA.
- 2018-2022 Legislative Coordinator for the State of Rhode Island, Amnesty International USA.

2018-2022 Coordinator, Local Group 1016: AmnestyPVD, Providence, RI.

2016-2018 LGBTQ Caucus, International Studies Association.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Academic Council on the United Nations System; American Political Science Association; Human Rights Educators; International Studies Association, Human Rights subsection, LGBTQ caucus, International Law subsection, Active Learning subsection; Law and Society Association.