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EDUCATION

Ph.D. *University of Wisconsin-Madison*, Department of Sociology (2012)
Title: Making Society "Civil": NGOs, Donors, and Peacebuilding in Postwar Croatia

M.S. *University of Wisconsin-Madison*, Department of Sociology (2006)
Title: Recovering from the Revolution: Reintegrating Guerrilla Ex-combatants

B.A. *Carleton College*, Department of Sociology and Anthropology (2003)
Magna cum Laude, Distinction in Major, Berglund Social Sciences Prize

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, *Department of Sociology and Center for Nonprofit and NGO Studies*, Northern Illinois University. Fall 2019-present.

Assistant Professor, *Department of Sociology and Center for Nonprofit and NGO Studies*, Northern Illinois University. Fall 2013-Spring 2019.

Visiting Fellow, *Kroc Institute of International Peace Studies*, University of Notre Dame. Spring 2013.

AREAS OF SCHOLARLY INTEREST

Political Sociology; Sociology of War and Peace; Global Political Economy; Organizations; Research Methods; Transitional Justice; Human Rights; Democratization; Gender

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Emerging Scholar Dissertation of Merit. International Society for Third-Sector Research (2014)

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation, Division of Behavior and Social Science (2005-2010)

Graduate Student Fellowship, American Sociological Association Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict (2010-2011)

Fulbright IIE Grant, Croatia (2008)

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education (2008)

INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Research and Artistry Grant, Northern Illinois University (2019)

Research and Artistry Grant, Northern Illinois University (2016)

European Union Center of Excellence Travel Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2010)

Dissertation Research Grant, Sociology Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2009)

Vilas Travel Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2009, 2010)

University Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2004)

PUBLICATIONS (Peer-Reviewed)

2019. "Rethinking Legitimation: Positional and Mediated Legitimation Processes in Croatian Civil Society." *Sociological Perspectives* 62(4): 475-498.

2018. "Making Civil Society Sustainable: The Legacy of USAID in Croatia." *Voluntas* 29(2):333-347.

2017. "Cultivating Peace: Social Movement Professionalization and NGOization in Croatia." *Mobilization* 22(3): 345-362.

2016. "Institutional Amnesia: Sustainability and Peacebuilding in Croatia." *Sociological Forum* 31(2): 377-396.

2015. "Recovering from the Revolution: Long-Term Reintegration of ANC Ex-Combatants in South Africa." *Sociological Imagination* 51(1): 49-69.

2013. "Pathologies in Peacebuilding: NGOs, Donors, and Peace Projects in Croatia." *Research in Social Movements, Conflict and Change* 36:135-166.

2013. "The Vulnerable Protecting the Vulnerable: NGOs and Human Security in the Aftermath of War" in *Gender, Violence, and Human Security: New Perspectives*. Christina Ewig, Myra Marx Ferree, and Aili Mari Tripp, eds. New York: NYU Press.

PUBLICATIONS (Other)

“The Struggle for Democracy and Ex-combatants in South Africa.” Pp 149-166 in *Only Useful Until Democracy? Reintegrating Ex-combatants in Post-apartheid South Africa*, David Everatt, ed. Johannesburg, South Africa: Atlantic Philanthropies.

IN PROGRESS

Making Society Civil: Peace, Democracy, and International Interventions in Postwar Croatia
(book manuscript)

“Supporting Local Peace: the Challenges of International Interventions” (article in draft)

“Learning from Crises: the Legacy of the 1990s War on Croatia’s Response to the European Refugee Crisis” (article in draft)

“Demystifying Global Ethnography: Practices and Practicalities of Global Research.” (article in draft)

BOOK REVIEWS

2020. “Book Review: Political Translation: How Social Movement Democracies Survive.” *Contemporary Sociology* 49(2): 155-156.

2018. “Book Review: How Development Projects Persist: Everyday Negotiations with Guatemalan NGOs.” *American Journal of Sociology* 124(2): 609-611.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

2019 “Supporting Local Peace: the Challenges of International Interventions.” To be presented at Building Sustainable Peace: Ideas, Evidence, Strategies. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame.

2018 “Demystifying Global Ethnography: Practices and Practicalities of Global Research.” Presented at the American Sociological Association. (Philadelphia, PA).

2018 “Humanitarian Contradictions: The Formation and Demise of the Humanitarian Corridor in Croatia.” Presented at the XIX World Congress of Sociology. (Toronto, Canada).

2018 “Teaching Peace and Conflict.” Presented at the Center for Peace and Transcultural Communication 2nd Annual International Conference. (DeKalb, IL).

- 2018** “Humanitarian Impulses, Nationalist Imperatives: Croatia and the European Refugee Crisis.” Presented at the 25th Annual Conference of Europeanists. (Chicago, IL).
- 2017** “Coordinating Humanitarianism: Croatia and the European Refugee Crisis.” Presented at American Sociological Association, Global and Transnational Sociology Roundtable. (Montreal, Canada).
- 2017** “Refugees, Migrants, Asylum Seekers: Challenges to Refugee Policy in the Syrian Refugee Crisis.” Presented at American Sociological Association, International Migration Roundtable. (Montreal, Canada).
- 2017** “Learning from Crises: the Legacy of the 1990s War on Croatia’s Response to the European Refugee Crisis.” Presented at International Studies Association (Baltimore, MD).
- 2016** “Tocqueville in Croatia: USAID and the Promotion of Associational Civil Society.” Presented at Center for Peace and Transcultural Communication Conference, University of Tetova (Tetova, Macedonia).
- 2016** “Can Civil Society Be Made Sustainable? Examining USAID Legacy Mechanisms.” Presented at American Sociological Association, Development Panel (Seattle, WA).
- 2016** “International Interventions, Local Peace: Donors, NGOs, and the Legitimation of Peacebuilding in Croatia.” Panel: International Legitimacy in Peace Negotiations. International Studies Association. (Atlanta, GA).
- 2015** “Legacies of Intervention: Peacebuilding and Donor Withdrawal in Post-War Croatia.” Colloquium: Donor Withdrawal. ARNOVA (Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action). (Chicago, IL).
- 2015** Workshop: “Aid Reduction and Local Civil Society in Conflict and Post-Conflict States.” Invited Participant. United States Institute for Peace. (Washington, DC).
- 2015** “Transnational Flows and Local Outcomes: International Donors and Peacebuilding in Croatia.” Presented at American Sociological Association, Section on Global and Transnational Sociology Roundtable. (Chicago, IL).
- 2014** “Transnational Flows and Local Peacebuilding in Croatia.” Presented at International Association for Peace and Conflict Studies: Shaping Peace—Local Infrastructures and State Formation. (Manchester, UK).
- 2014** “Institutional Amnesia: Organizational Memory and Peacebuilding in Croatia.” Presented at American Sociological Association, Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict Roundtable (San Francisco, CA).
- 2013** “Making Society ‘Civil’: Supporting Civil Institutions in Postwar Croatia.” Presented at American Sociological Association, Peace and Conflict Panel. (New York, NY).
- 2013** “Women and Peacebuilding in Croatia.” Presented at Sociologists for Women in Society. (Albuquerque, NM).

- 2012** "Spreading Peace: Organizational Growth and Outreach." Presented at American Sociological Association, Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict Roundtable. (Denver, CO).
- 2012** "Using Ethnography to Connect Transnational Policies and Local Outcomes in Peacebuilding." Presented at Midwest Sociological Association Panel, "Constructing Ethnographies of Global and Transnational Actors and Processes." (Minneapolis, MN).
- 2011** "Pathologies in Peacebuilding: NGOs, Donors, and Peace Projects in Croatia." Presented at American Sociological Association, Regular Session. Peace and Conflict: Peacebuilding and Nonviolence. (Las Vegas, NV).
- Earlier version presented at conference "Twenty years after (the) Split, Thirty years after Prishtina, Ten years after Tanushevcı: Beginnings, Endings, Continuities and Discontinuities in former Yugoslavia and the Successor States." (Madison, WI).
- 2010** "Creating" Civil Society: Theorizing Civil Society Through Peacebuilding In Croatia." Presented at American Sociological Association, Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict Roundtable. (Atlanta, GA).
- 2010** "Building Civil Society, Building Peace: NGOs and Human Security in the Post-War Moment." Presented at "New Perspectives on Gender and Human Security", Panel on Gender and Post-Conflict Violence. (Madison, WI).
- 2009** "Citizenship and Belonging: The Role of NGOs in Post-war Peace Building in Croatia." Presented at American Sociological Association, Section on Political Sociology Roundtable. (San Francisco, CA).
- 2007** "Beyond the Revolution: The Long-Term Reintegration of Guerrilla Ex-Combatants in South Africa." Presented at American Sociological Association, Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict Paper Session. (New York, NY).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Refugees in Croatia, Croatia

Interview and archival study of Croatia's humanitarian response to the Syrian refugee crisis (2016)

Longitudinal NGO Research, Croatia

Study of the development of the NGO sector in Croatia (2010; 2013; 2016)

Fulbright IIE Fellow, Croatia

Interview, archival, and observational research of peacebuilding in Croatia (2008-2009)

Project Assistant, UW Survey Center

Project Director for two independent qualitative research projects. (2006)

Consultant. Strategy and Tactics (a South Africa-based development consultancy)

Assisted in design and implementation of a study on ex-combatants in South Africa.
Collected ethnographic data for Master's thesis.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Center for Nonprofit and NGO Studies, Northern Illinois University (Fall 2013-Spring 2019)

Courses taught: Social Movements; Qualitative Research Methods; Global Social Problems; Globalization and International NGOs; Peace and Social Justice; Gender, War, and Peace; Introduction to Research in NGOs and Communities; NGOs in the News.

Study Abroad Faculty, Northern Illinois University. Refugees, Migrants and the European Union (Oxford, 2019).

Study Abroad Faculty, Northern Illinois University. Transitional Justice and the International Courts (The Hague, 2014).

Masters Thesis Committees, Northern Illinois University. Stephanie Jones, Ana Hernandez, and Greta Gustafson.

Research Rookie Mentor, Northern Illinois University (2014-16)

MS Independent Study Supervisor, Sociology of Development, Northern Illinois University (2015, 2016, 2017).

Visiting Fellow, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame (Spring 2013).

Course taught: Gender, War, and Peace.

Lecturer, Sociology, UW-Madison (2011, 2012)

Courses taught: Statistics for Sociologists I, Methods of Social Research

Teaching Assistant, International Studies and Sociology, UW-Madison (2007, 2010, 2011)

Courses taught: Introduction to International Studies, Statistics for Sociologists I

Supervisor, Undergraduate Research Assistants, UW-Madison (2010-2011)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

To the discipline

2015-2018 Secretary-Treasurer, Peace, War and Social Conflict (PWSC) section, American Sociological Association

2013-2015 Mentoring Committee Co-chair, PWSC section, American Sociological Association

2010-2012	Co-editor, PWSCS Section Newsletter, American Sociological Association
2005-present	Member, American Sociological Association
2012-present	Member, Sociologists for Women in Society
2015-present	Member, International Studies Association
To the university	
2013-2019	Nonprofit and NGO Studies Curriculum Committee
2015-2019	Sociology Department Development Committee
2015-2019	Faculty Steering Committee, Center for Peace and Transcultural Communication
2014-2017	Sociology Department Council
2014	Guest curator, NIU Anthropology Museum, 50 Years of the Museum of Anthropology