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Education

PhD, Anticipated 2022, Political Science, Brown University

Dissertation: Understanding Humanitarian Access Negotiation During Civil Wars: How Aid Workers Navigate the Politics of International Relief

Committee: Nina Tannenwald (co-chair), Jeff Colgan (co-chair), Paul Testa

Comprehensive Exams: International Relations and Comparative Politics

MA, 2009, Politics, New York University

BA, Vassar College

Publications

Book

- *HPCR Practitioner's Handbook on Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-Finding: Investigating International Law Violations*, co-edited with Claude Bruderlein (Cambridge University Press: 2017).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- “Confronting Humanitarian Insecurity: The Law and Politics of Responding to Attacks against Aid Workers,” co-authored with Julia Brooks, *Journal of Humanitarian Affairs*, 2(1), 2020.
- “Humanitarian Negotiation with Parties to Armed Conflict: The Role of Laws and Principles in the Discourse,” *Journal of International Humanitarian Legal Studies*, 11(1), 2020: 68-96.
- “Emerging Technologies and Medical Countermeasures to Chemical, Biological, Radiation, and Nuclear Agents in East Ukraine: A Meeting Report,” co-authored with Sonny S. Patel, Mykola Prodanchuk, Patrick Chellew, Olha Romaniuk, Yuriy Skrebets, Sergii A. Ryzhenko, and Timothy B. Erickson, *Conflict and Health*, 14, 2020.
- “The Humanitarian as Negotiator: Cultivating Capacity Across the Aid Sector,” *Negotiation Journal*, 36(1), Winter 2020: 13-41.
- “Strategic Documentation of Violence Against Healthcare: Towards a Methodology for Accountability,” co-authored with Phuong Pham, Patrick Vinck, Adrienne Fricke, and Michael VanRooyen, *World Health and Population*, 16(4), 2016: 31-37.
- “From Design to Implementation: The Interpretation of Fact-finding Mandates,” *Journal of Conflict and Security Law*, 20(1), Spring 2015: 27-60.

Book Chapters

- “On the Hybrid Nature of Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-Finding Missions,” in *HPCR Practitioner’s Handbook on Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-Finding: Investigating International Law Violations*, eds. Rob Grace and Claude Bruderlein (Cambridge University Press: 2017).
- “Professional Dilemmas in Public Communication and Report Drafting,” co-authored with Luc Côté, in *HPCR Practitioner’s Handbook on Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-Finding: Investigating International Law Violations*, eds. Rob Grace and Claude Bruderlein (Cambridge University Press: 2017).
- “An Analysis of the Impact of Commission of Inquiry,” in *HPCR Practitioner’s Handbook on Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-Finding: Investigating International Law Violations*, eds. Rob Grace and Claude Bruderlein (Cambridge University Press: 2017).
- “Lessons From Two Regional Missions: Fact-Finding in Georgia and South Sudan,” in *Commissions of Inquiry: Problems and Prospects*, ed. Christian Henderson (Hart Publishing: 2017).
- “Developing Norms of Professional Practice in the Domain of Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-finding,” co-authored with Claude Bruderlein, in *The Transformation of Human Rights Fact-finding*, eds. Philip Alston and Sarah Knuckey (Oxford University Press: 2015).

Additional Scholarly and Policy Publications

- “Diversity and Humanitarian Negotiation,” co-authored with Reem Alsalem, *The Humanitarian Leader*, April 2021, <https://ojs.deakin.edu.au/index.php/thl/article/view/1070/1056>.
- “Re-assessing the Civil-Military Coordination Service of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs: Findings and Recommendations Based on Partners’ Perspectives,” co-authored with Brittany Card, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, September 2020, https://watson.brown.edu/chrhs/files/chrhs/imce/research/Re-assessing%20the%20Civil-Military%20Coordination%20Service_CHRHS%20Report.pdf.
- “Surmounting Contemporary Challenges to Humanitarian-Military Relations,” Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, August 2020, https://watson.brown.edu/chrhs/files/chrhs/imce/research/Surmounting%20Contemporary%20Challenges%20to%20Humanitarian-Military%20Relations_Grace.pdf.
- “Realities and Myths of the Triple Nexus: Local Perspectives on Peacebuilding, Development, and Humanitarian Action in Mali,” co-authored with Emmanuel Tronc and Anaide Nahikian, Advanced Training Program on Humanitarian Action, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, June 2019, https://hhi.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/publications/haf_-_mali.pdf.
- “Humanitarian Access Obstruction in Somalia: Externally Imposed and Self-Inflicted Dimensions,” co-authored with Emmanuel Tronc and Anaide Nahikian, Advanced Training Program on Humanitarian Action, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, November 2018, https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3284256.

- “Humanitarian Negotiation: Key Challenges and Lessons Learned in an Emerging Field,” Advanced Training Program on Humanitarian Action, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, April 2015, https://hhi.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/publications/negotiation_lessons_learned_4-15-15.pdf.
- “From Isolation to Interoperability: The Interaction of Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-finding Missions and International Criminal Courts and Tribunals,” co-authored with Jill E. B. van Voorhout, The Hague Institute for Global Justice and the Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, December 2014, https://hhi.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/publications/from_isolation_to_interoperability.pdf.
- “Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-finding in Bahrain and Syria During the Arab Spring,” co-authored with Claude Bruderlein, Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research, Harvard University, January 2013, https://www.hpcrresearch.org/sites/default/files/publications/MRF_Bahrain_Syria_1-4-2013.pdf.
- “Building Effective Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-finding Mechanisms,” co-authored with Claude Bruderlein, Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research at Harvard University, April 2012, https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2038854.

Op-eds and Other Selected On-line Publications

- “We Are All Humanitarian Negotiators Now: 3 Steps for Planning Your 'Please Take Social Distancing Seriously' Conversation,” March 2020, <https://theconversation.com/we-are-all-humanitarian-negotiators-now-3-steps-for-planning-your-please-take-social-distancing-seriously-conversation-134537>.
- “The Impact of Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-finding Missions,” Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection, April 2014, https://www.phap.org/PHAP/Articles/LegArticles/Impact_MRF_Missions.aspx.
- “On Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-finding Mechanisms,” co-authored with Claude Bruderlein, European Society of International Law Reflections, July 2012, http://www.esil-sedi.eu/sites/default/files/Grace_and_Bruderlein.pdf.
- “Abandoning Sabotage in Iran,” Foreign Policy in Focus, October 2010, https://fpif.org/abandoning_sabotage_in_iran.
- “U.S. vs. ICC?” Foreign Policy in Focus, June 2010, https://fpif.org/us_vs_icc.

Conference Presentations

- World Summit, Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation, July 2021 (virtual).
- Annual World Convention, Association for the Study of Nationalities, May 2021 (virtual).
- Annual Conference, Northeast Political Science Association, April 2021 (virtual).
- Humanitarian Leadership Conference, Centre for Humanitarian Leadership, April 2021 (virtual).
- Annual Conference, Midwest Political Science Association, April 2021 (virtual).
- Annual Conference, International Studies Association Northeast, November 2020 (virtual).
- International Association for Conflict Management Conference, Dublin, Ireland, July 2019.

- Annual Meeting of Frontline Humanitarian Negotiators, Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation, Geneva, Switzerland, October 2016, December 2017, December 2018.
- Conference on International Law and Time, Graduate Institute of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland, June 2015.
- Conference: “International Human Rights Fact-finding in the Twenty-First Century,” New York University School of Law, New York City, NY, United States, November 2013.

Invited Talks, Panel Presentations, and Expert Roundtable Participation

- Research Symposium on Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, September 2020 (virtual); September 2021 (upcoming virtual presentation).
- “Decolonizing Aid: Humanitarian ‘Neutrality’ and ‘White Supremacy,’” Virtual Panel Discussion, Intersectional Feminist Foreign Policy and Adeso, July 2020 (virtual).
- New Findings in the Field of Negotiation, Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School, June 2020 (virtual).
- Roundtable on Increasing Diversity and Inclusion in the Humanitarian Sector, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, May 2020 (virtual).
- Consultative Group on Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination, Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week, Geneva, Switzerland, February 2020.
- “Evaluating Mechanisms to Investigate Attacks on Healthcare,” International Peace Institute, New York City, NY, United States, June 2017.
- Working Group on Negotiating the Implementation of the Law, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, September 2016.
- “Expert Roundtable on Evidence-Based Fact-finding,” The Hague Institute for Global Justice, The Hague, Netherlands, May 2015.
- Roundtable on Frontline Negotiations, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA, United States, April 2015.
- “Launch Event: *HPCR Advanced Practitioner’s Handbook on Commissions of Inquiry*,” Side Event, 28th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland, March 2015.
- “Fact-finding Mandates: Concurrence or Symbiosis, Coordination or Hierarchy?” The Hague Institute for Global Justice, The Hague, Netherlands, October 2012.

Teaching

Graduate Course

- “Disaster Management and Risk Reduction: Strategic Planning and Engagement in Humanitarian Response,” co-taught with Anaide Nahikian, Graduate Program in Conflict Resolution and Coexistence, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University (2019-present).

Guest Lecturer / Facilitator

- “Conflict Analysis for Better Humanitarian Delivery,” Annual Workshop, Operations and Advocacy Division, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (December 2019)
- “Advanced Practitioner’s Workshop on Humanitarian Negotiation,” Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation and Harvard Humanitarian Initiative in Ankara, Turkey (April 2015); New York City, United States (September 2015); Byblos, Lebanon (February 2016); Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (June 2017); Dubai, United Arab Emirates (July 2017); and Caux, Switzerland (June 2018).
- “Disaster Management and Risk Reduction,” Graduate Program in Conflict Resolution and Coexistence, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, graduate student course (March 2017 and April 2018).
- “Global Response to Disasters and Refugee Crises,” Harvard University, undergraduate course (April 2016).
- “Post-Conflict Colombia and Public Health,” Open Hands Initiative/Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, winter study session course (January 2016).
- “Workshop on Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-finding,” Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection, Geneva, Switzerland (November 2013).
- “13th Specialization Course in International Criminal Law,” International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences, Siracusa, Italy (May 2013).

Teaching Assistant

- “The International Law and Politics of Human Rights,” Brown University, undergraduate course, Prof. Nina Tannenwald (Fall 2016 and Spring 2018).
- “Introduction to International Relations,” Brown University, undergraduate course, Prof. Jordan Branch (Fall 2017).
- “Politics of the Illicit Global Economy,” Brown University, undergraduate course, Prof. Peter Andreas (Spring 2017).

Student Advising

- Collin Kindig, Graduate Practicum, Graduate Program in Conflict Resolution and Coexistence, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University (Spring-Fall 2021)
- Dennis Wandera, Graduate Practicum, Graduate Program in Conflict Resolution and Coexistence, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University (Spring-Fall 2021)
- Amsel Saleem, Undergraduate Capstone Research Project, Brown University (Spring 2021)

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

External

- Annual Prize, Best Article of 2020, *Journal of International Humanitarian Legal Studies*
- Summer Research Fellowship, Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School, 2020
- USIP-Minerva Peace Scholar, United States Institute of Peace, 2019-2020
- Graduate Research Fellow, Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School, 2019-2020

Internal

- Graduate School COVID-19 Summer Fellowship, Brown University, 2021
- COVID-19 Appointment Extension, Brown University, 2021-2022.
- Research Seed Grant, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, Watson Institute for International and Public Policy, Brown University, 2020, “Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination During the COVID-19 Response,” co-principal investigator with Samuel Boland
- Dissertation Completion Award, Graduate School, Brown University, 2020-2021
- Research Seed Grant, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, Watson Institute for International and Public Policy, Brown University, 2020, “*The ‘Triple Nexus’ in Abyei Area, South Sudan: An Assessment of Challenges and Prospects of Linking Humanitarian, Development, and Peace Programs,*” co-principal investigator with Maiwen Ngalueth
- Departmental Summer Research Award, Department of Political Science, Brown University, 2019
- Dissertation Research Seed Grant, Social Science Research Initiative, Brown University, 2019
- Departmental Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Brown University, 2018-2019

Research Positions

Researcher, November 2018 – present

Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University

- *Current projects:*
 - Lead researcher on a project analyzing best practices for managing humanitarian-military relations, based on approximately 90 semi-structured interviews conducted with emergency responders in Jordan, The Philippines, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, funded by the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration.
 - Co-lead researcher on a project analyzing humanitarian access during great power conflict, with a focus on possible future largescale combat operations scenarios, based on a series of focus group sessions with humanitarian and military actors.

- *Past projects:*
 - Lead researcher on an assessment of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs' Civil-Military Coordination Service (CMCS), based on focus group sessions that I co-led with CMCS and partner organizations, including donor governments, military actors, other UN agencies, and INGOs.
 - Lead researcher on a project analyzing contemporary challenges of humanitarian-military relations, based on 38 semi-structured interviews I conducted with humanitarian, military, and civilian governmental actors.

Senior Associate, June 2011 – December 2019

Harvard Humanitarian Initiative / Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research

- Lead researcher in key thematic policy areas including humanitarian negotiation and international fact-finding; responsible for designing and implementing research plans for drafting and editing a series of policy-oriented research papers; collaborated on additional research projects on humanitarian operations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Colombia, Somalia, and Mali.
- Contributor to numerous educational initiatives, including co-creating on-line modules on cyclone preparedness and organizational mandates in humanitarian response, as well as the Building a Better Response project.
- Co-host and co-producer of the monthly Humanitarian Assistance Webcast, which examined various humanitarian policy issues.

Affiliations and Professional Service

Co-Chair, Humanitarian Access Working Group (2021 – present)

- Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University

Ad Hoc External Reviewer (ongoing)

- International Peace Institute, The Assessment Capabilities Project (ACAPS), Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance (ALNAP), every casualty

Affiliated Fellow (2016 – present)

- Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, New England Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Association for the Study of Nationalities.

References

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