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CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITION

Associate Professor (2023-)
Director of Graduate Studies (2025-)
Co-Founder & Co-Director, Mass Atrocity Research Initiative (2024-)
Founder & Director, United States Atrocities Accountability Project (2024-)
Director, Model International Organizations (2021-)
Department of Peace, Human Rights, and Cultural Relations
American University, School of International Service, Washington, DC

EDUCATION

Northeastern University, Boston, MA
PhD, Law and Public Policy

Rowan University
MA, Composition and Rhetoric

Widener University
BA, Major in Business Administration, Minor in Literature

PUBLICATIONS

Books

A Modern History of Forgotten Genocides and Mass Atrocities. Edited volume (with Esther Brito Ruiz). London: Routledge, 2024. Studies in Modern Global History.

Genocide Studies: Pathways Ahead. Edited volume. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2024. Genocide, Political Violence, Human Rights Series.

The Politics of Genocide: From the Genocide Convention to the Responsibility to Protect. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2022. Genocide, Political Violence, Human Rights Series.

Cultural Genocide: Law, Politics, and Global Manifestations. Edited volume. London: Routledge, 2019. Studies in Genocide and Crimes against Humanity.

The United States and Genocide: (Re)Defining the Relationship. London: Routledge, 2017.
Studies in Genocide and Crimes against Humanity.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

1. "From Drone Strikes to Coalition Bombings: The United States and Ruination of Yemen." *Middle East Critique*. Forthcoming. Accepted for publication January 2025.
2. "Bench Stacking and Biases: The ICJ's Partial Decision in Yugoslavia v. NATO Members in Comparative Perspective." *Genocide Studies and Prevention* 18, no. 2 (2024): 10-25.
3. "The Geopolitics of Human Suffering: A Case Study of Media Coverage of the Conflicts in Yemen and Ukraine." With Esther Brito Ruiz (American University PhD student). *Third World Quarterly* 45, no. 1 (2024): 24-42.
4. "US Congress and Partisanship on Yemen Among Democrats from Obama to Trump." *International Journal of Human Rights* 26, no. 8 (2022): 1353-1373.
5. "Situating Contributions from Underrepresented Groups and Geographies within the Field of Genocide Studies." *International Studies Perspectives* 22, no. 3 (2021): 361-382.
6. "Four Schools of Thought on the Relationship Between War and Genocide." *Journal of Genocide Research* 22, no. 4 (2020): 479-501.
7. "Cases Studied in Genocide Studies and Prevention and Journal of Genocide Research and Implications for the Field of Genocide Studies." *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal* 14, no. 1 (2020): 2-20.
8. "A 'Synchronized Attack' on Life: the Saudi-Led Coalition's 'Hidden and Holistic' Genocide in Yemen and the Shared Responsibility of the US and UK." *Third World Quarterly* 40, no. 2 (2019): 298-316.
9. "Lethal Sterility: Innovative Dehumanization in Legal Justifications of Obama's Drone Policy." With Jack Holland. *International Journal of Human Rights* 23, no. 6 (2019): 1028-1047.
10. "The New York Times and Washington Post: Misleading the Public about U.S. Drone Strikes by Ignoring Civilian Casualties and Associated International Law." *Journalism Studies* 18, no. 4 (2017): 470-494.
11. "The Lawfulness of U.S. Targeted Killing Operations Outside Afghanistan." *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 38, no. 11 (2015): 899-918.
12. "R2P's 'Ulterior Motive Exemption' and the Failure to Protect in Libya." *Politics and Governance* 3, no. 4 (2015): 56-67.

Peer-Reviewed Reference Work

“Teaching Genocide.” In the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*. Oxford University Press, 2020. Updated 2024.

“Genocide and Imperialism.” In the *Palgrave Encyclopedia of Imperialism and Anti-Imperialism*, edited by Immanuel Ness and Zak Cope, 1012-1022. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2019.

Book Chapters

“State Responsibility for Genocide.” Accepted for inclusion in *The Routledge Handbook of Genocide Studies*, edited by John Cox and Jeffrey S. Bachman. London: Routledge.

“The Evolution of Genocide Denial.” Accepted for inclusion in *Denial of Genocides in the Digital Age*, edited by Bedross Der Matossian. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press.

“A Hierarchy of Political Violence: War and the Question of Genocide in Yemen.” In *A Modern History of Forgotten Genocides and Mass Atrocities*, edited by Jeffrey S. Bachman and Esther Brito Ruiz, 130-148. London, Routledge, 2024.

“Permanent Security: Unsettling Genocide Studies.” In *Genocide Studies: Pathways Ahead*, edited by Jeffrey S. Bachman, 256-276. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2024.

“A ‘Synchronized Attack’ on Life: the Saudi-Led Coalition’s ‘Hidden and Holistic’ Genocide in Yemen and the Shared Responsibility of the US and UK.” In *Violence and the Third World in International Relations*, edited by Randolph B. Persaud and Narendran Kumarakulasingam, 298-316. London: Routledge, 2019.

“Introduction: Bringing Cultural Genocide into the Mainstream.” In *Cultural Genocide: Law, Politics, and Global Manifestations*, edited by Jeffrey Bachman, 1-18. London: Routledge, 2019.

“An Historical Perspective: The Exclusion of Cultural Genocide from the Genocide Convention.” In *Cultural Genocide: Law, Politics, and Global Manifestations*, edited by Jeffrey Bachman, 45-61. London: Routledge, 2019.

“Cultural Genocide in the United States.” With Lauren Carasik. In *Cultural Genocide: Law, Politics, and Global Manifestations*, edited by Jeffrey Bachman, 97-117. London: Routledge, 2019.

“Libya: A UN Resolution and NATO’s Failure to Protect.” In *Land of Blue Helmets: The UN in the Arab World*, edited by Karim Makdisi and Vijay Prashad, 212-230. University of California Press, 2016.

Book Reviews

“Book Review: *The United States and the Armenian Genocide: History, Memory, Politics.*” *Peace & Change: A Journal of Peace Research*. Published online August 2024. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/pech.12715>.

“Book Review: *Denial of Genocides in the Twenty First Century.*” H-Net Network on Diplomatic History and International Affairs. September 2023. <https://networks.h-net.org/group/reviews/20006926/bachman-der-matossian-denial-genocides-twenty-first-century>.

“Book Review: *Global Burning: Rising Antidemocracy and the Climate Crisis.*” *The Developing Economies* 60, no. 4 (2022): 261-264.

“Book Review: *It Can Happen Here: White Power and the Rising Threat of Genocide in the US.*” *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal* 15, no. 2 (2021): 49-51.

“Book Review: *The Problems of Genocide: Permanent Security and the Language of Transgression.*” *Security Dialogue* (2021). <https://blogs.prio.org/SecurityDialogue/2021/06/book-review-the-problems-of-genocide-permanent-security-and-the-language-of-transgression/>.

“Book Review: *Reluctant Interveners: America’s Failed Responses to Genocide from Bosnia to Darfur.*” *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal* 14, no. 1 (2020): 159-161.

“Book Review: *The Politics of Annihilation: A Genealogy of Genocide.*” *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal* 13, no.3 (2019): 168-170.

“Book Review: *Human Rights Discourse in a Global Network.*” *Peace Review* 27, no. 3 (2015): 393-395.

Other Publications

“Building a Multi-Directional Transnational Solidarity Movement.” *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*. February 13, 2020. <https://gjia.georgetown.edu/2020/02/13/building-multi-directional-transnational-solidarity-movement/>.

Guest Editor of Special Issue of *Peace Review*. Theme: Drones and Human Rights. Volume 27, Issue 4 (2015). My contribution: “Drones are Bringing the Warzone to a Theater Near You,” *Peace Review* 27, no. 4 (2015): 418-423.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Politics of Aggression: Scholarly Biases in Public Discourse on the Invasions of Iraq and Ukraine.” With Esther Brito Ruiz. Revised and resubmitted to *Critical Studies on Security*.

“The United States of Denial: A Typology of Rhetorical Strategies Used by the United States to Deflect Shared Responsibility for Atrocities Committed with U.S. Support.” With Esther Brito Ruiz. Manuscript under review.

“Meeting of the Maligned: Understanding the Disconnect Between College Students and Administrators over Palestine and Israel.” With Esther Brito Ruiz. Paper in progress.

The Routledge Handbook of Genocide Studies. Co-edited with John Cox. Edited volume under contract with Routledge for the series Routledge International Handbooks.

Harry Potter and Genocide. Book manuscript in progress. Under contract with Palgrave.

An International People’s History of U.S. Violence and the Need for Memorialization and Accountability. Book manuscript in progress.

AWARDS

Outstanding Scholarship, Research, Creative Activity & Other Professional Contributions. Nominated by colleagues and selected as winner by Awards Committee, 2023.

PhD Program Mentor Award. Nominated by doctoral student and selected as winner by Awards Committee, 2023.

Scholar-Teacher of the Year. Nominated by colleagues and selected as winner by Awards Committee, 2020.

Outstanding MA Program Director. Nominated by colleagues and selected as winner by Awards Committee, 2019.

INVITED TALKS

“The Politics of Genocide and P-5 Impunity.” Yale University Genocide Studies Program. April 17, 2023.

“The Politics of Genocide: From the Genocide Convention to the Responsibility to Protect.” Stockton University Holocaust and Genocide Studies Program. January 26, 2023.

“The Politics of Genocide: From the Genocide Convention to the Responsibility to Protect.” Rutgers University Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights. December 7, 2022.

“Geopolitics and the Future of Human Rights.” Global Insights. Balsillie School of International Affairs. November 11, 2021.

“Ending External State Support for Genocidal Governments.” Seventh Annual International Symposium on Women and Genocide in the 21st Century: The Case of Darfur at Georgetown University Law Center. Washington, DC, October 2018.

“Redefining Genocide and U.S. Responsibility.” University of California, Irvine, Global Peace and Conflict Studies Colloquium. Irvine, CA, January 2018.

“Redefining Genocide and U.S. Responsibility.” University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law. Los Angeles, CA, January 2018.

“The Nexus Between Aggressive War and Politicide.” Yale University Genocide Studies Program Seminar Series. New Haven, CT, October 2015.

“Human Rights and the United Arab Emirates.” UAE Diplomats and Diplomats-in-Training. Washington, DC, March 2013.

“Genocide and the Politics of International Law.” University of Rhode Island Dana Shugar Colloquium. Kingston, RI, November 2012.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Meeting of the Maligned: Understanding the Disconnect Between College Students and Administrators over Palestine and Israel.” With Esther Brito Ruiz. International Studies Association Annual Conference, March 2025.

“Bench Stacking and Biases: The ICJ’s Impartial Decision in Yugoslavia v. NATO Members in Comparative Perspective.” International Studies Association Northeast Conference, November 2024.

“The United States of Denial: How the United States Washes Its Hands of Crimes Committed with U.S. Weapons.” With Esther Brito Ruiz. International Studies Association Northeast Conference, November 2024.

“Roundtable: Genocide Studies: Pathways Ahead.” International Network of Genocide Scholars Biennial Conference, June 2024.

“The Politics of Aggression: Scholarly Biases in Public Discourse on the Invasions of Iraq and Ukraine.” With Esther Brito Ruiz. International Network of Genocide Scholars Biennial Conference, June 2024.

“The Geopolitics of Human Suffering: A Case Study of Media Coverage of the Conflicts in Yemen and Ukraine.” With Esther Brito Ruiz. International Studies Association Annual Conference, March 2023.

“Roundtable: Genocide: The Path Ahead.” International Studies Association Annual Conference, March 2023.

“Permanent Security: Unsettling Genocide Studies.” International Network of Genocide Scholars, June 2022.

“Mass Atrocity Denial in Silence and Omission.” International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 2022.

“Partisan Politics in U.S. Foreign Policy: A Case Study of Yemen from Obama to Trump.” International Studies Association Joint Human Rights Conference on Human Rights and Foreign Policy, June 2021.

“The P-5 and Discretionary Non-Application of the Genocide Convention.” International Studies Association Annual Convention, April 2021.

“Situating Contributions from Underrepresented Groups and Geographies within the Field of Genocide Studies.” International Studies Association Annual Convention, April 2021.

“Partisan Politics in U.S. Foreign Policy: A Case Study of Yemen.” Northeast Political Science Association. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2019.

“The Nexus Between Aggressive War and Genocide: The Case of the U.S. War on Vietnam.” International Studies Association Peace Studies and the Peace History Society Conference at Kent State University. Kent, Ohio, October 2019.

“Diversifying Contributions to the Field of Genocide Studies.” International Studies Association West. Pasadena, California, September 2019.

“Emerging Trends in Genocide Studies: Problem or Possibility?” International Studies Association Annual Convention. Toronto, Canada, March 2019.

“Implicit Denial? Revealing Hidden Cases in Genocide Studies.” 5th International Conference on Genocide at Sacramento State University. Sacramento, CA, November 2018.

“The Discursive Construction of Legality: Bush’s War on Terror and/as the Justification for Obama’s Drone Policy.” International Security Studies Section of ISA and the International Security and Arms Control Section of APSA Annual Conference. Washington, DC, October 2017.

“The New York Times and Washington Post: Misleading the Public about U.S. Drone Strikes.” Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA, August 2015.

“The Lawfulness of Targeted Killing Operations Outside Afghanistan.” Indiana University Drone Symposium on Reconfiguring Global Space: The Geography, Politics, and Ethics of Drone War. Bloomington, IN, July 2015.

“Targeted Drone Strikes and International Humanitarian Law.” International Studies Association Northeast Conference. Baltimore, MD, November 2014.

“Indigenous Populations, the Omission of Cultural Genocide, and the Inclusion of the Opt-in Clause in the Genocide Convention.” Eleventh Conference of the International Association of Genocide Scholars. Winnipeg, Canada, July 2014.

“The Intentional Weakening of the Genocide Convention’s Preventive Efficacy.” Human Rights, Literature, the Arts, and Social Sciences International Conference. Mount Pleasant, MI, November 2013.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Executive Secretary. International Network of Genocide Scholars (2023-)

Editor, *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal* (2022-)

International Studies Association, Human Rights Section, Program Chair (2022-2023)

Associate Editor. *The International Journal of Human Rights* (2019-2022)

Teaching Editorial Board. International Association of Genocide Scholars (2019-)

Podcast Host. New Books in Genocide Studies. New Books Network (2019-)
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/?s=bachman>.

Consultant. Airwars (2019)

Consultant. Oxford University Press. Provided comprehensive analysis of strengths and weaknesses of second and third editions of *Human Rights: Politics and Practice* in preparation for future edition (2013/2017)

Guest Editor. “Symposium: Drones and the Human Right to Peace.” Special Issue of *Peace Review* (2015)

Referee. *Review of International Studies*; *European Journal of International Security*; *Third World Quarterly*; *Genocide Studies and Prevention*; *Journal of Genocide Research*; *Global Responsibility to Protect*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Global Studies Quarterly*; *Political Science Quarterly*; *Memory Studies*; *International Journal on Minority and Group Rights*; I.B. Tauris; Palgrave Macmillan; Routledge; University of British Columbia Press; Rowman and Littlefield; Hackett.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Association of Genocide Scholars

International Network of Genocide Scholars

International Studies Association

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Refugee Pathways (2017-2022)

Associate Director (Pro Bono)

Website: <https://refugeepathways.org/>

Amnesty International, Government Relations Department (2004-2005)

Program Assistant to the Advocacy Director of Europe/Eurasia

SELECT MEDIA

With Esther Brito Ruiz, “Headlines and front lines: How US news coverage of wars in Yemen and Ukraine reveals a bias in recording civilian harm,” *The Conversation*, August 3, 2023, <https://theconversation.com/headlines-and-front-lines-how-us-news-coverage-of-wars-in-yemen-and-ukraine-reveals-a-bias-in-recording-civilian-harm-209652>.

“Senate vote could end US complicity in the Saudi-led genocide in Yemen,” *The Conversation*, February 15, 2019, <https://theconversation.com/senate-vote-could-end-us-complicity-in-the-saudi-led-genocide-in-yemen-111952>.

“US complicity in the Saudi-led genocide in Yemen spans Obama, Trump administrations,” *The Conversation*, November 26, 2018, <https://theconversation.com/us-complicity-in-the-saudi-led-genocide-in-yemen-spans-obama-trump-administrations-106896>.

“The New York Times and Washington Post are ignoring civilians killed by US drone strikes,” *The Conversation*, October 22, 2015, <https://theconversation.com/the-new-york-times-and-washington-post-are-ignoring-civilians-killed-by-us-drone-strikes-49416>.

“Drone strikes: are they Obama’s enhanced interrogation techniques?” *The Conversation*, December 23, 2014, <https://theconversation.com/drone-strikes-are-they-obamas-enhanced-interrogation-techniques-35712>.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

American University, School of International Service (2012-)

Courses Taught: Introduction to Human Rights; Human Rights & the Media; Human Rights & Conflict

Courses Developed and Taught: Genocide and International Law; Genocide & the Politics of International Law; The US Relationship with Genocide; Counterterrorism & Human Rights; Foreign Policy & Human Rights; Human Rights: Politics and Practice; Practicum in Human Rights and Conflict Resolution; Practicum in Human Rights and National Security; Practicum in Human Rights and Political Violence.

Online Course Developed and Taught: Online Practicum in Human Rights and Political Violence

University of Rhode Island, Departments of Political Science and Women's Studies (2011-2012)

Courses Taught: Introduction to Women's Studies

Courses Developed/Taught: Gender, Media, & Politics; Enforcing Human Rights; Genocide; International Tribunals

American International College, Department of Political Science (2010-2011)

Courses Taught: Introduction to American Politics; Principles of International Law; American Foreign Policy

UNIVERSITY/DEPARTMENT SERVICE

- Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Peace, Human Rights, and Intercultural Relations (2025-)
- Department Chair (Inaugural), Peace, Human Rights, and Intercultural Relations (2023-2024)
- Administrative Director, Ethics, Peace, and Human Rights, Intercultural and International Communication, International Peace and Conflict Resolution MA Programs (2022-2023)
- Search Committee Chair, Lecturer in Human Rights (2022)
- Director, American University International Relations Society (2021-)
- SIS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (2021-2022)
- Ethics, Peace, and Human Rights Program Chair (2019-2021)
- SIS Term Faculty Affairs Committee (2019-2021)
- SIS Subcommittee on Term Faculty Actions (Chair) (2019-2021)
- Working Group: SIS Graduate Education: Fall 2020 Scenario Planning (2020)
- SIS Coordinating Committee (2019-2020)
- SIS Sophomore Student Mentorship Program (2019)
- SIS Term Faculty Committee (2017-2019)
- Co-Curricular Committee (2016-)
- SIS Graduate Awards Committee (2016-2018)
- Task Force on MA Program Administrative Structure (2014-2015)
- Ethics, Peace, and Human Rights MA Program Director (2013-2019)
- Ad Hoc Term Faculty Committee (2013-2015)

STUDENT RESEARCH AND MENTORING

Master's Theses/Substantial Research Papers

- Terrie Soule, "US Media and Militarism," (2023)
- Travis Duchene, "Politicide: Distinct Phenomena," (2023)
- Nicolas Burch, "The Self-Determination of Guam," (2022-2023)
- Seth Kates, "Refugee Resettlement Practices," (2022)
- Sofia White, "What's Sovereignty Got to Do With it? Assessing the Existing Framework for Responsible State Behavior in Cyberspace" (2021)
- Kariayn Reddick, "The Transatlantic Slave-Trade Through a Genocide Studies Lens" (2021)
- Jerica Bennett, "What Factors Account for the Variation Among Countries Regarding the Opioid Crisis?" (2021)
- Abid Shamdeen, "What Role Can a Memorial/Museum Play in the Social Reconstruction of Yazidi Victims of Genocide in Sinjar, Iraq?" (2019)
- Anna Garber, "Victim Blaming: How a Gendered Practice Expands into International Relations: The Case of the Israeli Palestinian Conflict," (2018)
- Christopher Melton, "Civilian Protection in Urban Armed Conflict," (2018)
- Md. Abu Jafor, "The Intersections of Democracy and Human Rights in the Middle East," (2018)
- Adam Renner, "A New Cosmopolitan Social Contract," (2016).
- Alexandra Russero, "Comparative Analysis of the Effects of Statelessness on Rohingya," (2016).
- Hannah Schultz, "Same-Sex Marriage: Why so Divisive?" (2015).
- Nicole Longbobardo, "The Spoils of War: Transitional Justice in Bangladesh," (2014).
- Tschuna Gibson, "The Ethics of Geoengineering: A Framework for Global Governance," (2014).
- Horia Dijmarescu, "Humanitarian Intervention and Complex Normative Systems," (2014).

Independent Studies

- Henry Fix, "Transitional Justice and Rwanda's Gacaca Courts" (2022-2023)
- Gabrielle MacKay, "99 Problems and Race is One: The Socio-Political Implications of the 'Overwhelmingly White' Occupy Wall Street Movement," (2021-2022)
- Miranda Baumann, "Ideological Schisms and Embedded Isms: the UN's Framing of International Crimes," (2020-2021)
- Zoe Taylor, "An Examination into the Intersection between Religious Fanaticism and Mass Atrocity," (2020)
- Tina Maglakelidze, "Extrajudicial Assassinations and Their Defectors," (2018)
- Alison Forsyth, "Defining Human Rights Violations in Venezuela," (2016)
- William Kakenmaster (Summer Scholars Research Fellowship Recipient), "Belonging in a New Home: Discursive Othering in Latin American Diaspora and Drug Usage," (2016)
- Julie Meier, "EU Migration Policy and Xenophobic Rhetoric," (2015)
- Katarina Alharmoosh, "Accountability in Iraq," (2015)

Other Student Support and Mentoring

- Referee, Council on Undergraduate Research (2017-)
- Second-Year Student Olson Scholars Mentorship Program (2016-)

- First-Year Student Mentorship Program (2013-)