

GERALDINE T. SANTOSO

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Education

University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Amherst, MA Expected May 2027
Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science	
Comprehensive Exams: International Relations; Law, Politics and Society	
Committee: R. Charli Carpenter (Chair), Scott Blinder, Nina Hall (Johns Hopkins SAIS)	
University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Amherst, MA 2025
M.A., Political Science	
Skidmore College	Saratoga Springs, NY 2022
B.A., International Affairs and Anthropology, Magna Cum Laude	
Minor: Asian Studies	
<i>Honors Thesis</i> : “Building on Ruins: Impacts of Mass Violence and State-Led Repression in Indonesia”	

Additional Training

The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University	2025
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Publications

Journal Articles:

1. Carpenter, C., Heather Kumove, and **Geraldine Santoso**, “Manifestly Unlawful’: How US Troops Think about the Duty to Disobey Illegal Orders. *Research and Politics*. (Forthcoming)
2. *Building on Ruins: Colonial Legacies of Citizenship in Indonesia*. Manuscript under review, Indonesia and the Malay World
3. *Threats or Victims? How Securitizing Climate Change Shifts Public Support for Refugees*. Manuscript under Review. *Journal of Global Security Studies*.

Public Scholarship

1. Carpenter, Charli, and **Geraldine Santoso**. “4 out of 5 US Troops Surveyed Understand the Duty to Disobey Illegal Orders.” *The Conversation*, 13 Aug. 2025, <https://theconversation.com/4-out-of-5-us-troops-surveyed-understand-the-duty-to-disobey-illegal-orders-261929>.

Awards

<i>Skidmore College</i>	
Phi Beta Kappa	2022
Jerome Solomon Ginsberg Memorial Award in International Affairs	2022
President’s Award for Leadership and Service	2022
Katherine Scranton Rozendaal Citizenship Award	2022
Barbara Underhill Collyer '52 Endowed Scholarship	2020-2022
Dean’s List	2018-2022
Davis Scholar	2018-2022

Grants and Fellowships

<i>University of Massachusetts, Amherst</i>	
REAL Fellowship (\$6000 Summer Stipend)	2022-2027
School of Social and Behavioral Sciences Summer Research and Writing Grant (\$3025)	2025
RAPID Research Grant (\$850)	2025
Office of Inclusion and Engagement Travel Grant (\$582)	2024
<i>Skidmore College</i>	
SEE- Beyond Summer Grant (\$6000)	2022
Summer Experience Fund (total: \$8000)	2019-2020, 2021
Davis Projects for Peace Grant (\$10,000)	2019

Research and Professional Experience

Graduate Research Assistant, Human Security Lab	Spring 2024- Spring 2026
Led research projects on climate change, refugee protections, military attitudes and qualitative analytics under the mentorship of Dr. R. Charli Carpenter. Managed data-driven projects at the Human Security Lab, leveraging thematic coding and content analysis to generate actionable insights for strategic decision-making. Supervised undergraduate team analyzing open-ended survey data on complex global issues, demonstrating scalable workflows for qualitative data processing. Applied advanced training in mixed-methods research, grounded theory, and survey design to inform policy decisions.	
Undergraduate Research Fellow, Think Tank and Civil Societies Program	2021
Conducted data collection, literature reviews, and analytical research on think tanks in Southeast Asia to inform strategic insight and market positioning. Monitored national and global newsfeeds and curated relevant content on policy trends, advisory networks, and issue-specific developments to support data-driven decision-making.	
Carole Marchand '57 Fellow, Tang Teaching Museum	2020-2021
Designed and implemented innovative education programs for K–12 and diverse community groups. Provided real-time support for hybrid learning experiences, enhancing accessibility and engagement. Leveraged social media to explore scalable educational opportunities. Prototyped educational tools and art projects to test and refine user-centered solutions.	
Founder, Air dan Terang Initiative	2019- Present
Founded <i>Air dan Terang</i>, a nonprofit initiative delivering clean water and sustainable energy solutions to rural communities in Indonesia, integrating technology-driven approaches to infrastructure and access. Led cross-sector efforts combining field research, community engagement, and tech-enabled implementation to address resource inequality. Conducted field research on the low to middle-class communities in West Java, applying data-driven insights to inform inclusive, user-centered design in underserved contexts.	

Teaching Experience

Instructor on Record , Department of Legal Studies	Spring 2026
LEGAL 353: Law and Colonial Legacies	
Instructor on Record , Department of Political Science	
POLISCI 391: Global Politics of Climate Change: North South Relations	Scheduled Spring 2027
POLISCI 121: Introduction to World Politics	Spring 2025- Fall 2026; Summer 2026
POLISCI 252: Globalization, Global Governance and World Order	Summer 2025

Teaching Assistantships

Teaching Assistant , Department of Political Science	
POLISCI 121: Introduction to World Politics	Fall 2024
POLISCI 252: Making a Global World	Spring 2023
Teaching Assistant , Department of Legal Studies	
LEGAL 250: Introduction to Legal Studies	Fall 2023-Spring 2024
LEGAL 357: Human Rights and Wrongs	Fall 2022

Conference and Workshop Participation

“Threats or Victims?: How Securitizing Climate Change Shifts Public Support for Refugees” 2026 American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA. August 2026. *Poster presentation*

“Securitizing Climate-Induced Migration: The Effects of National Security Framing on Public Support for Climate Policy and Refugee Protection,” 2025 International Studies Association Northeast Conference, Providence, RI. November 2025. *Paper presentation.*

“Indigenous Worldviews in Global Biodiversity Governance,” 2025 International Studies Association, Chicago, IL. March 2025. *Panel chair and discussant*

“Securing the Future: Climate Migration and Security Threats in an Era of Climate Change,” 2024 Human Security Lab at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Amherst, MA. Spring 2024. *Paper Presentation*

Skills

Computing: R, Python, Microsoft Suite

Data Analytics: DiscoverText, MAXQDA, Atlas.ti, Delve, NVivo

Languages: English (native), Bahasa Indonesia (native), Japanese (basic working proficiency), French (basic), Spanish (basic), Mandarin Chinese (basic)