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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations

Dissertation: The social realities of survival: How violence and displacement shape refugee-host relations

M.A., Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2021

M.S.W. / A.M., Crown School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice,
University of Chicago, 2018

Additional program of study: Global Social Development

Registration as a Social Worker in ON, Canada, #831618

M.A., Combined Program in Political Science and Transitional Justice and
Post-Conflict Reconstruction, Western University, 2015

B.A., Dual Degree in Political Science and Public Policy Studies, Duke
University, 2012

Additional Coursework: Duke Divinity School, 2013-2014.

Languages: English, French, Spanish

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2020. “Chaos and Confusion: Impacts of the Trump Administration Executive Orders on the U.S. Refugee Resettlement System,” with Jessica Darrow, *Human Service Organizations* 44(4): 362-380.

In Progress

- “Situating survivors in their social contexts: Toward an experiential approach to social and political legacies of violence”
- “Transformative politics in policy advocacy: A feminist analysis of refugee story advocacy in U.S. refugee resettlement” with Jessica Darrow.

Master’s Thesis:

- “The Canadian Truth and Reconciliation: Healing, Reconciliation, Resolution?” Defended August, 2015.

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin–Madison, WI

- Political Science 140: Introduction to International Relations
Teaching Assistant for Mark Copelovitch and Jon Pevehouse
Fall 2021, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018
- International Studies 101: Introduction to International Studies
Teaching Assistant for Erica Simmons
Fall 2020, Spring 2021
- Political Science 439: The Comparative Study of Genocide
Teaching Assistant for Scott Straus
Summer 2020
- Political Science 120: Introduction to Comparative Politics
Teaching Assistant to Nadav Shelef
Spring 2020

Tutor, Nurturing Wisdom

- Essay writing, standardized test prep, executive functioning tutoring
Private tutoring for middle to high school students in Chicago
2016-2018

Teaching Assistant, Western University, ON

- Political Science 101: Introduction to Political Science
Teaching Assistant to Nigmendra Narain
Fall and Spring 2014

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
Doctoral Award, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2020-2023.
- Summer Initiative Funding Award, Political Science Department
University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2019, 2020.
- Community Engagement RFP, University of Chicago, 2018.
- Global Social Development Travel Funding, 2017.
- University of Toronto Political Science Award of Excellence
Entrance Scholarship, 2014.
- Duke University Pathways Fellowship, 2012-2013.

SERVICE

- Panelist on University of Wisconsin–Madison Advanced Student
Experiences Panel, Fall 2022.
- Graduate Student Representative on the University of Wisconsin–
Madison Political Science Department Diversity, Equity, and
Inclusion Committee, 2019-2020.
- Graduate Student Mentor for the Department of Political Science at
the University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2019-2020.

- Admitted Students Week Volunteer for the Department of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, Spring 2019.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Social Worker Summer 2017, 2018

- AURA for Refugees in Toronto, ON.
- Created trauma-informed and motivational interviewing trainings for sponsorship groups. Researched and designed new approach to agency funding. Supervised two undergraduate social administration students.

Graduate Clinical Social Work Intern Sept. 2017-June 2018

- Heartland Alliance International FACES in Chicago, IL.
- Provided individual and group therapy to people who came to the U.S. through the refugee program. Served as a Research Assistant on Rihab Yako's study of spirituality in refugee support groups with Assyrian women.

Interim Operations Manager Feb. 2017-July 2017

- Ravenswood Community Services in Chicago, IL.
- Managed weekly client-choice food pantry and community meal for over 200 neighbors. Compiled donor reports, published monthly newsletters, and fostered community among volunteers through consistent communication and effective management.

Graduate Case Manager and Social Work Intern Sept. 2015-June 2015

- Inspiration Corporation in Chicago, IL.
- Helped unhoused participants achieve career goals through case management. Designed curriculum for and co-facilitated popular weekly support group for people living with housing instability.

Project Assistant Aug. 2013-Aug. 2014

- Toronto Metropolitan University in Toronto, ON
- Coordinated over 55 events, including industry leadership panels, fundraising, and alumni events. Prepared faculty documents and assisted faculty with finances. Assisted with website redesign.

Interfaith Program Coordinator Jan. 2010-July 2013

- Durham Crisis Response Center in Durham, NC.
- Supported victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault through support group co-facilitation, one-on-one appointments, crisis line advocacy, community outreach, and hospital response. Synthesized narratives, theology, and psychology to create an accessible training manual. Reformed violence prevention curriculum and coordinated awareness events.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Jessica Darrow, Co-principal investigator, 2016-2019.
- Rihab Yako at Heartland Alliance, Research assistant, 2018.
- University of Chicago Advocates' Forum graduate journal, Editorial Board Member, 2017-2018.

CONFERENCES AND TALKS

- March 2021: "Still in survival mode: How violence shapes immigrant-host dynamics." Qualitative Methods Working Group, University of Wisconsin–Madison
- July 2018: "How to weather the storm The impact of President Trump's Executive Orders on the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program" with Jessica Darrow. International Association for the Study of Forced Migration Annual Conference.
- July 2018. "Trauma-informed refugee sponsorship." Presentation to Executive Director and staff of AURA for Refugees.
- May 2018: "Refugee Resettlement in Canada: Private sponsorship in times of surge" Global Social Development Capstone presentation, University of Chicago.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- University of Wisconsin–Madison Center for Teaching, Learning, and Mentoring TA brownbags and other trainings on topics including Inclusive teaching (March 2022); Accessibility (February 2020); Teaching about race in troubled times (November 2019).
- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, June 2021.
- Heartland Alliance group-specific trainings on clinical social work with Congolese, Rohingya, and Syrian Refugees, 2017-2018.
- Western University, ON Teaching Assistant Training Program, 2014-2015.
- Sexual Assault Center of London, ON, 30-hour Sexual Assault Training, 2014.

REFERENCES

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